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Candidates make their final pitch as a month-long battle for Dalton McGuinty's former seat comes to an end. COVERAGE, PAGE 4

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Cyclist hit, killed by truck; councillor calls for changes

Bank St.-Riverside Dr.
Intersection one of the city's most dangerous for cyclists, says VP of Ottawa Citizens for Safe Cycling

An accident that saw a 56-year-old cyclist struck and killed by a cement truck at one of Ottawa's most dangerous intersections Tuesday has prompted Coun. David Chernushenko to call for a fix.

"An advance green light could help pedestrians and cyclists clear the intersection safely," said Chernushenko the day after the deadly evening rush-hour collision near Billings Bridge at the corner of Bank Street and Riverside Drive.

"We've been hearing for years, if not decades, that pedestrians and cyclists feel very cramped there. It's even a tough place to run a business."

The intersection is one of the city's most accident prone when it comes to motorist-cyclist collisions, according to Alex deVries, vice president of Ottawa's Citizens for Safe Cycling.

"The area with most collisions is in the space between Billings and the transit way," said deVries. Between 2009 and 2010, deVries said Ottawa Police Service numbers show nine motorist-cyclist collisions there.

"There are so many drivers that are turning and cyclists going through that it winds up as a perfect storm for collisions," he said.

But while deVries stopped short of advocating for the advanced green, he said there are other things the city can do, such as creating a cross ride, which extends bike lanes through the intersection.

Ottawa police said late Wednesday afternoon that they're looking for anyone who witnessed the collision, which happened at approximately 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, to come forward. The name of the deceased is being withheld at the request of the family.

After cyclist Krista Johnson was struck and killed on Bronson Avenue in October, deVries pushed for better cycling infrastructure on the road with a lane marked off by vertical polls. After it was installed this spring, he said he received positive feedback and noted that this is only the first of a three phase change to the road. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Police investigate Tuesday after a 56-year-old female cyclist was struck and killed by a cement truck at the corner of Bank Street and Riverside Drive. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

To the freezer! Elgin St. McDonald's employees cool off

The Elgin Street McDonald's
GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

An overheated kitchen at the McDonald's on Elgin Street is taking a toll on workers, said a concerned employee Wednesday after the Ministry of Labour issued several workplace safety directives to the restaurant last week.

"The guests come in and say 'My God! Do you guys even have air conditioning?'" said an employee at the 252 Elgin Street McDonald's who alerted Metro that kitchen staff are working in extreme heat since the restaurant's air conditioning unit went on the fritz more than two weeks ago.

Temperatures on in-house thermostats measured 37 C in the kitchen, they said.

An anonymous complaint to the Ministry of Labour last week brought an occupational health and safety inspector to the restaurant. Staff have been given breaks from the heat in the walk-in freezer and freezies to munch on to cool them down, said the report.

"We issue an order when we see a hazard that can endanger a worker," said labour ministry spokesman Matt Blajer. "At the time we were told there had been maintenance issues with air handling units and they were being fixed while we were there. They have to comply with the order by August 9."

In a written statement, franchise owner Adeel Hashmi said that a replacement part for the air conditioner is on the way and should be installed by the end of Wednesday. He did not elaborate on the other Ministry of Labour orders.

GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Metrolinx fixes glitch

Presto monthly pass hiccup avoided

Metrolinx was able to fix a glitch in its Presto system that would have left hundreds of Ottawa transit users without their August monthly pass.

Metrolinx spokeswoman Anne Marie Aikins said the provincial transit body doesn't yet know what caused the glitch, but said the organization was able to fix it in the eleventh hour.

Metrolinx is now investigating the cause.

Aikins noted the glitch only affected a few hundred customers of the tens of thousands using Presto cards across the city. METRO

Highly inappropriate: NDP

Staff wouldn't put pressure on Speaker: Wynne

Premier Kathleen Wynne says she wouldn't tolerate her staff putting "any undue pressure" on the impartial Speaker of the legislature.

But she says she wouldn't prevent her staff from talking to the Speaker, which the New Democrats say is highly inappropriate.

Her comments came after recovered emails suggested senior Liberals in former premier Dalton McGuinty's office tried to get Speaker Dave Levac to change a key ruling against the government.

Levac's preliminary finding was that then Energy Minister Chris Bentley was in contempt of parliament for not releasing all documents on two cancelled gas plants.

The opposition parties have accused the Liberals of trying to bully the Speaker into changing his ruling, saying it's akin to trying to influence a judge on a court decision. But Levac has said that he never felt political interference that would prevent him from making objective and informed decisions.

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Candidates running in the byelection, clockwise from top left: Liberal candidate John Fraser (left); PC candidate Matt Young; Green candidate Taylor Howarth; and New Democrat candidate Bronwyn Funiciello (right). JOE LOFARO/METRO

Candidates make last pitch in Ottawa South

Getting the vote out. Wednesday was the last chance for byelection candidates to persuade voters

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Candidates spent the eve of the byelection in Ottawa South Wednesday making their last pitches to voters at their doorsteps and through the media.

The last leg of the campaign trail led Liberal candidate John Fraser to residents along Russel Road, including one middle-aged woman he spoke with who said she will vote for the first time Thursday.

"That's a neat thing to do, to get somebody (to vote for the) first time," said Fraser, flanked by his daughter and other volunteers. "All the efforts we've made over five or six weeks all come down to one day and all come down to making sure that people vote."

Thursday is when the former Dalton McGuinty aide will learn if those efforts will pay off. His opponents all seem to agree, however, that voters in McGuinty's old riding want change.

Fraser's biggest opponent, PC candidate Matt Young, held a press conference at his campaign headquarters Wednesday with supporters like MPP Lisa McLeod and told reporters his party's message resonated with voters.

"I think people want change and you don't have to talk to them much beyond that to say you're out here to offer a more positive change," he said.

"The Liberals have lost the moral authority to govern," said John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew-Nippissing-Pembroke. "After 10 long years, the rot has set in. The last thing that people of Ottawa need is another Liberal party insider like John Fraser."

Public school board trustee turned New Democrat Bronwyn Funiciello lashed out at that type of "fear-mongering" that she said permeates from the PCs and Liberal campaigns.

"I say this is an opportunity; it's a byelection," she said at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre.

"It doesn't change the balance of power, however, it does change the strength of representation. It's really important to vote for the candidate you feel will be the best representative. And a vote for change and a vote for a progressive voice is a vote for Bronwyn Funiciello."

Twenty-six-year-old Green Party candidate Taylor Howarth knocked on doors near Kilborn Avenue to explain her platform on the last day of the campaign.

"Being the underdog is a really fun position to be in. I can really be myself," she said.

"If you truly want change in Queen's Park, vote Green because it sends a direct message that you want things to be cleaned up," she said.

"Don't vote for what you don't want."

Quoted

"That's a neat thing to do, to get somebody (to vote for the) first time." Liberal candidate John Fraser

Analysis

Byelection will let Wynne know if she's in trouble: Prof

While the results of byelections in five Ontario ridings Thursday will not make sweeping changes at Queen's Park, they could send a very strong message to the province's new premier that she's in for a bumpy ride, said a University of Ottawa politics professor.

Luc Turgeon, who has been teaching Canadian politics at the university since 2009, said voters can give the province a good sense of the general population's mood following Dalton McGuinty's beleaguered exit from Ontario politics.

Turgeon will be paying attention to what happens in Ottawa South and Etobicoke-Lakeshore in particular.

"I think that would send a signal that they're in trouble because those are two ridings that are in urban areas and those areas that Liberals have managed to get their majority, dominating the GTA region and also Ottawa," he said.

"And Ottawa South, let's not forget, has been in the hands of the McGuinty family for over 25 years. So if the Liberals were to lose, I think it would send a strong signal that (Premier Kathleen Wynne) is unable to shake up the heritage of the McGuinty government."

The timing of the byelection is also interesting, with McGuinty facing heat over gas-plant scandals and the subsequent discovery of his staff deleting emails about those deals.

"With the gas-plant scandal, this is a bad time for the Liberals," said Turgeon. "If Mr. Hudak is unable to make significant gains — we're talking winning at least two or three of those five ridings — I think that will bode badly for him."

Turgeon noted, however, that attacking the governing party during a byelection is always easier, no matter how they have been performing.

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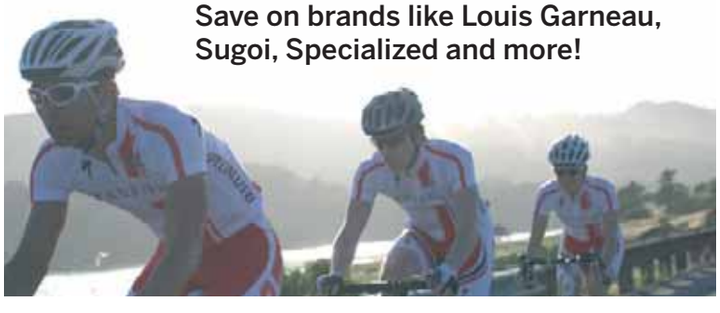

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Striking diplomats. Union seeks to force government into binding arbitration

Striking diplomats are trying to force Treasury Board President Tony Clement to enter into binding arbitration in the stalled wage negotiations tying up tens of thousands of applications for Canadian visas.

The union representing foreign service officers filed a complaint Wednesday with a quasi-judicial tribunal asserting that Clement, who is in charge of bargaining with diplomats, acted in bad faith when the negotiations hit a roadblock last week.

The Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers (PAFSO) says Clement would only agree to enter into binding arbitration if the union accepted certain pre-conditions. Those pre-conditions would have made it impossible for the arbitrator to fairly consider the union's wage demands, PAFSO President Tim Edwards said.

Clement "knowingly and intentionally demanded conditions for binding arbitration that could not reasonably be accepted," PAFSO told the Public Service Labour Relations Board (PSLRB). The board is an independent body that adjudicates workplace disputes under federal labour relations law, which requires the government and employees to make "every reasonable effort" to reach a negotiated settlement.

But Clement says it's the union that has engaged in unfair practices during the bargaining.

"Throughout this process the government has continued to bargain in good faith to achieve a fair deal, whereas the union chose to breach good faith bargaining principles by releasing confidential negotiating documents," Matthew Conway, a spokesperson for the minister, said.

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Societal shift. Designated drivers becoming the norm, says new study

A new study has found that having a designated driver is becoming a social norm, rather than a rarely attained ideal, for young people.

The study from pollster Ipsos Reid asked 1,318 people between the ages of 18 and 34 questions about the importance and perceived treatment of designated drivers.

It found the national average for designated driver trips over the last three years was 19.3 times.

In addition, 18 per cent of respondents said they had been driven by a designated driver "all of the time," while 57 per cent said they'd had a designated driver "some of the time." A quarter of respondents said they had never had a designated driver.

"It's approaching a social norm," says Jon Wright, senior vice president at Ipsos Reid.

However, 85 per cent of respondents feel that more people would be designated drivers if they felt more appreciated. CULLEN BIRD/FOR METRO

Trainer Erika Zerbini appears with elephants Marie and Shelley in this undated handout photo from the Shrine Circus, coming to Ottawa Aug. 9 to 11. CONTRIBUTED

When the circus comes to town

Under the big top. This year's show will feature elephants, horses and tigers, oh my!

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The traditional Shrine Circus hopes to wow Ottawa audiences with a ferocious crew of 10 tigers.

Canada's largest big top will be in Ottawa from August 9 to 11 at the RA Centre parking lot with performances including elephants, equestrian horses, trapeze artists, acrobats, unicycles and 10 tigers.

Ring Master Richard Curtis pitches the performance as a "family affair," with something for everyone. And he should know — his children tour along with him, both born and raised as performers.

"From city to city we put on anywhere from 300 to 400 shows a year," says Curtis. Some shows go on in the big top, while others are in large venues across Canada and the U.S.

Curtis has watched people react to the performances and says they usually get a variety of responses. Sometimes crowd members appear scared with dangerous tricks and other times kids are laughing along with the gags in the show.

"For the first time in like 15 years I think they tell me we actually have tigers back in the arena," says Curtis.

The size of the arena, which is a traditional European-style single ring, makes the tiger's performance very intimate. Spectators in the front row can expect to be up close and personal with the tigers who are a few feet away, separated by a stainless-steel barrier.

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Senate Reform Act still in limbo

The Harper Conservatives say they should be able to reform the Senate without reopening the Constitution.

The government has submitted legal arguments to the Supreme Court of Canada in a reference it sent to the court earlier this year on proposed Senate reform legislation, Bill C-7.

Pierre Poilievre, minister of state for democratic reform, says the government will argue that its proposed changes to the Senate do not require consent of the provinces.

The government asked the Supreme Court in February to clarify its powers to reform or abolish the Senate.

The government introduced the Senate Reform Act in June 2011, and has blamed the opposition for delaying passage of the legislation.

But senators and some provinces have resisted the Harper government's proposals.

There are also questions about whether a majority of provinces have to be on side with reforms, or whether all of them have to agree.

Bill C-7 would limit senators' terms to nine years and allow the provinces to hold elections to choose senators-in-waiting.

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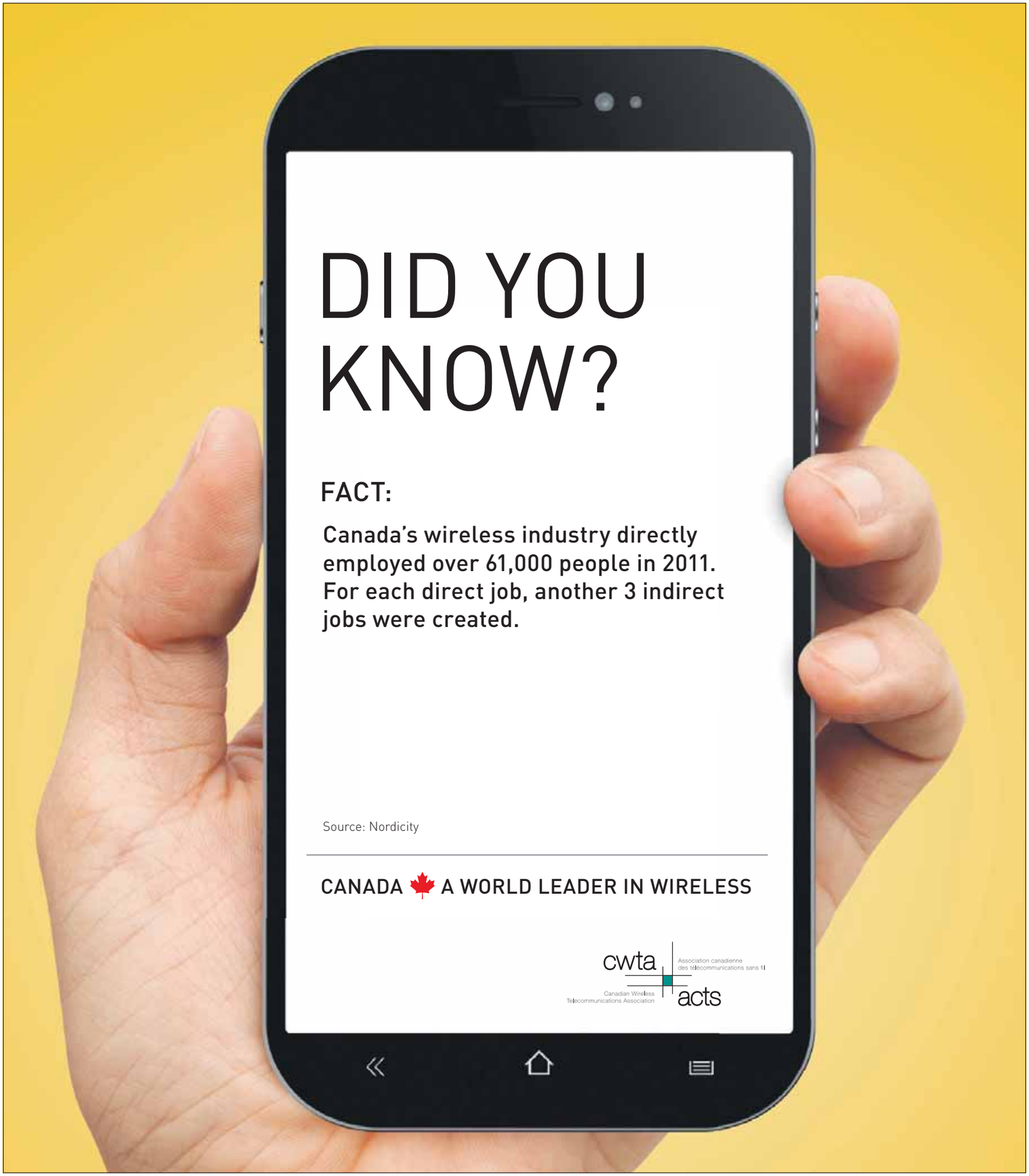
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Parents struck by grief, barely eating after son shot dead by cops

Sammy Yatim case. Mother and father of 18-year-old killed by Toronto police in anguish, friend says

Sarah Yatim, centre, is hugged by people while attending a memorial service for her 18-year-old brother Sammy Yatim on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The parents of an 18-year-old who died after being shot by Toronto police are devastated and barely able to eat as they prepare for their son's funeral, a close family friend said Wednesday.

"His mother hasn't eaten in days," said Joseph Nazar, adding that friends have been trying to feed her spoonfuls of soup.

Nazar said Sammy Yatim's father has also been too grief-stricken to eat.

"I've told him ... he needs to be able to stand at the funeral," Nazar said.

Ontario's police watchdog said Yatim died Saturday morning after receiving multiple gunshot wounds during an "interaction" with police. A Taser was also used.

The incident, which was captured on surveillance and cellphone video, has sparked public outrage over police use of force.

In one video that has circulated online, Yatim can be seen pacing an empty street-car as shouts of "drop the knife" are heard. Then nine shots can be heard — first three shots in succession then six more after a pause of about six seconds.

Yatim's mother and sister were among hundreds of protesters who took to the streets Monday night, brandishing posters reading Protect Us From Our Protectors and Think Before You Shoot and calling for Justice For Sammy.

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Looking deeper

The use of police force in the shooting death of Sammy Yatim has prompted Ontario's ombudsman to question whether it is time for the government to review police de-escalation guidelines.

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NSA leaker. Snowden's father thanks Russia for keeping his son safe

The father of National Security Agency leaker Edward Snowden told Russian television that he is grateful to President Vladimir Putin and his government for protecting his son.

Speaking to the state-owned Rossiya 24 channel in footage broadcast Wednesday, Lon Snowden of Allentown, Pa., thanked the Kremlin for the "courage" shown in keeping his son safe.

Addressing his son, Lon Snowden said that "your family is well and we love you." He added that "I hope to see you soon, but most of all I want you to be safe."

The younger Snowden has been stuck in the transit zone of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport since arriving from Hong Kong on June 23. Russia is considering his request for temporary asylum, which he submitted on July 16.

Putin has warned that Snowden could be granted asylum on condition he agrees not to hurt U.S. interests — implying that the American would have to stop leaking material on Washington's spying efforts.

Snowden's Russian lawyer, Anatoly Kucherena, has said the fugitive told him he could meet that demand.

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Edward Snowden has applied for temporary asylum in Russia. GETTY IMAGES

Texan stabbed in chest

Tiff over song in Thailand turns deadly for tourist

An American tourist who insisted on singing with the band in a bar in a beach town in Thailand was killed by one of the musicians, police said Wednesday.

Bobby Ray Carter Jr., 51, died at a hospital of a stab wound in his chest after a brawl broke out early Wednesday at the bar at Ao Nang beach in Krabi province, police Lt. Col. Jongrak Pimthong said.

He said Carter, a Texas native, was intoxicated, began singing with the band and refused to leave the stage.

"Witnesses said Carter got angry when the band played Hotel California instead of the song he requested, and he refused to step down," Krabi city police chief Col. Taksin Pochakorn said.

Police said the band then stopped playing and Carter and his 27-year-old son got into a furious argument with the musicians.

Police say Carter was stabbed in his chest with an iron rod and his son suffered a head injury.

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Sandy Hook remains under emotional cloud

Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy purchases a bell from a toy store in Sandy Hook in Newtown, Conn., Wednesday. Seven months after 20 children and six educators were fatally shot in a Newtown elementary school, some local business owners said Wednesday that a financial downturn and an emotional pall over the town persists. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pedestrian killed

Elderly woman charged with stunt driving

An 85-year-old woman faces charges after a pedestrian was struck and killed in Vaughan, Ont., last month.

Police say that on June 10, a vehicle hit the pedestrian and her dog on a sidewalk. The pedestrian and her dog died at the scene. They say Betty Kestenberg has been charged with stunt driving for going more than 50 kilometres per hour over the speed limit.

Kestenberg and her husband, 88-year-old Louis Kestenberg, who was the lone passenger in the car — also face a charge each of failing to properly wear a seatbelt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TV survival tips may have saved woman

Lost in woods 12 days. Father says watching Man vs. Wild gave daughter the skills to stay alive after alleged sex assault in Alberta

JEREMY NOLAIS
Metro in Calgary

Parents of an Alberta woman who was allegedly attacked and spent 12 days lost in the woods believe she may owe her life to watching TV survival shows.

According to RCMP, the 25-year-old O'Chiese First Nation resident was assaulted by a man after the truck they were travelling in became stuck on a road on July 14. She managed to escape into the bush, but became disoriented.

Metro is withholding the woman's name because she is the victim of an alleged sexual assault. Even now, she remains under heavy sedation in hospital, but RCMP and family alike have begun piecing together how she was able to survive.

It's believed she stayed alive by eating berries and stayed close to a running river, even hopping in periodically to ride the current and gain ground faster than she could walking, according to her stepfather

"She even knew how to properly dry her clothes," he said Wednesday. "She went through a great ordeal. I do a lot of hunting, so I know some of what it takes, but she went missing for 12 days in the woods cold turkey and with a broken jaw at that."

RCMP Const. Nick Munro said investigators believe the woman's jaw was injured during the alleged assault and that she also sustained a concussion. Family members also report she is being treated in hospital for cuts that became infected.

The woman was found Friday, 10 kilometres from where she was last seen. But her mother said Wednesday she believes her daughter likely travelled more than 30 kilometres during the ordeal.

Family members and investigators have only been able to communicate with the woman periodically as she remains heavily sedated, but her stepfather said she's shed some light on where her survival knowledge came from.

"She said she always watched that survival show Man vs. Wild," he said, referencing a Discovery Channel show starring survivalist Bear Grylls. "She learned a lot of it from that show. She's only 25 years old — it's pretty amazing."

RCMP first reported the woman missing July 18. The woman's mother said she spent days at home waiting anxiously by the phone.

Suspect arrested

Police arrested Kevin Roy Gladue of Edmonton later in the day Friday in connection with the woman's disappearance.

- Gladue has since been charged with sexual assault, aggravated assault and obstructing a peace officer. He was scheduled to first appear in court on Wednesday.

Sask. murder plot

2 charged with conspiracy to kill their spouses

Saskatchewan farmer Jim Taylor says he knew his marriage was in trouble, but he didn't at first believe Mounties when they told him that his wife was planning to kill him.

He was even more stunned when officers alleged that a man she was having an affair with was in on the scheme — and that the pair were also plotting to kill that man's wife.

"They had to tell me about three times," Taylor, 51, said Wednesday from his farm west of Melfort.

"We're a good Christian community so it's really shocking to hear all this stuff."

Angela Nicholson of Melfort and Curtis Vey of Wakaw, both 49, are charged with conspiring to commit murder. They have not yet applied for bail and are to appear in Melfort court on Aug. 29.

From police, Taylor said he has learned that Vey and Vey's wife, Brigitte, were still living together in nearby Wakaw and that Brigitte Vey suspected her husband was seeing another woman.

Police told Taylor that Brigitte Vey tipped them to an alleged murder plot in which Vey's wife was going to die in a house fire and Taylor would die of an overdose on Halloween. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Court rejects men's dying wish

Mercy killing. Judges say British court has no jurisdiction to challenge the legal ban on euthanasia

A British appeals court upheld a law against euthanasia in rejecting appeals from two severely disabled men who argued that doctors should be allowed to legally kill them.

The two men — one of whom died of pneumonia last year — claimed their right to "private and family life" as guaranteed by the European Convention on Human Rights was being violated since they were not allowed to choose how and when they wanted to die.

In a judgment issued on Wednesday, the Court of Appeal acknowledged the current law interferes with that right but ruled the ban on euthanasia is justified. It upheld a decision by the High Court last year that any changes to the euthanasia law must be made by politicians, not judges.

"I am absolutely gutted," said Paul Lamb, one of the men involved, who was severely paralyzed after a car accident. "I was hoping for a humane and dignified end. This judgment does not give me that."

Lamb's lawyer said they were considering options for appealing the case to the Supreme Court, together with the widow of the other man in the case, Tony Nicklinson.

In Europe, euthanasia is allowed in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

Assisted suicide — usually for people who have at least some capacity to kill themselves, perhaps by drinking a lethal beverage or taking a fatal dose of drugs — is legal in Switzerland, the only European country that allows foreigners to travel there to die. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paralyzed road accident victim Paul Lamb lies in bed at his home in Leeds, England, Wednesday. A British court upheld a law against euthanasia in rejecting appeals from two severely disabled men who argued that doctors should be allowed to legally kill them. ANNA GOWTHORPE/PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Montreal

Rubber bullets end senior's 20-hour standoff

A 20-hour standoff between an elderly man and Montreal police ended Wednesday morning after an armoured vehicle with a battering ram was used to smash down his front door.

Tactical squad officers shot the 72-year-old man with two rubber bullets before placing him under arrest.

Police seized a number of firearms from the home.

The standoff started late Tuesday morning when police were alerted to workers on a property being threatened by a man with a gun. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ontario

Dad charged one year after 2 kids died in van crash

Provincial police have arrested a Lakeshore, Ont., father whose minivan — carrying his four young children — collided with a train last summer, killing his two daughters and leaving one son with serious injuries.

Andrew Williams, 28, faces multiple charges in connection with the crash on June 10 last year at an uncontrolled railway crossing on a country road.

Police say there were no traffic lights, railroad crossing signals or a crossing barrier — just an X-sign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Germany

Man arrested over exploding railway ticket machines

Frankfurt prosecutors say a 30-year-old man was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of blowing open four railway ticket machines around Fulda by filling them with gas and igniting it to steal cash. They said they're also looking for a 32-year-old man suspected of blowing up nine machines in central Germany.

Travellers were warned in May to be wary when using Deutsche Bahn's ticket machines because criminals attempting to break into them might have left them filled with gas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The top floors of 151 Yonge St. in Toronto. You Find Work has an office on the 11th floor. JESSICA SMITH/METRO IN TORONTO

Your dream job awaits — that'll be $6,000

Clients in uproar

Some clients of a string of related Toronto career-counselling companies have gone to small-claims court and vented online about the same alleged scam:

- The companies target vulnerable, out-of-work people
- They offer exclusive leads to great jobs
- They charge thousands
- Once the money is paid, they fail to deliver

Metro undercover.
Our reporter probes a twisted network of shady companies to see if there's any truth to the 'hidden job market'

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

I'm in a tiny office in a swank tower in Toronto's financial core with Dale Smith, who runs a career-counselling business. I've been told he makes promises he doesn't keep and charges a high price for access to job postings anyone can find on Google.

He sets down a contract.

"My favourite, in the whole page, is the client-satisfaction guarantee," says Smith, circling the word "guarantee."

"It's only in the last 10 years ... that we feel so bold that we can guarantee you're going to end up with a position."

The contract is with 2375880 Ontario Limited, under the name "You Find Work" — a company that has only existed for a few months. But Smith has run similar businesses under other names, including Toronto Pathways, Job Search Success and Job Success for nearly 10 years. Before that, he did career counselling for a Canadian franchise of U.S. business Bernard Haldane Associates.

I came to his office posing as a job seeker after being tipped off by a reader.

The complaint was similar to others launched in small-claims court, posted to online consumer complaint forums and told to Metro by former clients: They promise access to a "hidden job market," an exclusive job database and contacts at big companies — for a big price tag.

Job seeker fights back— 650784 Business Corp.

At small-claims court, I found 10 lawsuits against You Find Work, Dale Smith and other companies he's worked with.

"I don't want you to use my name," said the first plaintiff I called. "You can just refer to me as the victim."

He has an MBA, a PhD and now works on economic policy in the federal government. He says he earned that job on his own.

In 2004, he was relatively new to Canada. He saw a newspaper ad for Bernard Haldane Associates and met with Smith, the general manager of BH Careers International — the legal name for Toronto franchises.

After charging $6,000, the company brought him in several times to discuss his resumé but never delivered job leads beyond what is easily found online, he claims.

The man requested his money back. His contract allowed him to get a refund for any portions of the program he had not yet completed.

The company refused. At the time, Bernard Haldane Associates was being sued by the State of Illinois for allegedly misleading consumers and had just shut down its Canadian operations.

At that time, Smith set up his own company — RD Group International — in the same location with the same staff and clients.

The man sued both companies and won, but they appealed. He didn't have the money to hire a lawyer and lost. The judge decided he hadn't proven that RD Group International was legally required to honour his contract with BH Careers.

He estimates the ordeal cost him $10,000.

New company, new complaints — 2057161 Ontario Ltd.

Havva Seydali and her husband, Serdar Feyzioglu, are taking Smith's company 2057161 Ontario Limited — formerly Toronto Pathways — to court.

"My husband was trying to find work and they contacted him first. I don't know where they got his resumé from. It was probably Monster.ca or Workopolis," Seydali said. "They gave him the impression that they were a recruiter and he had a job interview."

Next, they asked him to bring in his wife.

"They went through this ... explanation of there are two jobs and he's the perfect candidate … and then it ended up being a service where you pay a fee and they'd guarantee 99.9 per cent you have the job," she said.

Their situation was "desperate." She'd been laid off, and her husband had recently finished a degree in industrial engineering.

"We ended up paying close to $5,000 to secure this opportunity," she said. "Instead they started sending him coaching materials on how to find a job."

A year later, the jobs never materialized and Feyzioglu is still looking for work, she said.

Their accusations haven't been proven in court.

2057161 Ontario Ltd., a.k.a. Toronto Pathways, appears to be shut down now, but Murray James Nahnybida, a former career counsellor at Pathways, registered a new company — 2375880 Ontario Ltd. — in July to do business as You Find Work, with Dale Smith as general manager.

Our experience at You Find Work—2375880 Ontario Ltd.

It's not illegal to accept money to help write resumés and prepare for interviews. It is illegal to make promises that can't be delivered.

The complaints I've heard follow the same basic pattern. I recognize that pattern while posing as a potential client.

The first meeting is about me. Smith claims they'll work with only one in 10 who want their help — forcing job seekers to prove themselves.

According to the resumé I submitted, I haven't worked since 2011, when I left a $14-an-hour job as an administrative assistant. I have an undergraduate degree in creative writing and no other work experience. But I was accepted.

Over two long interviews, he finds ways to flatter me. I dress well, carry myself well and it was my persistence in calling back twice that impressed him. It goes on and on.

At the end of the meeting he mentions there's a cost. He skirts the question.

"Really, the investment has to make sense.... You have to see the return coming back."

He asks me to bring in my fiancé. I bring along web editor Andrew Fifield to pose as "Rob."

Smith offers to leverage the company's "hidden job market" — his helpful network of satisfied clients who've gone on to work in high places.

Smith guarantees a job but not a time frame, saying only that 70 to 80 per cent of his clients get a job within a couple weeks to a few months.

I'd said I'd like to make $25 an hour — $52,000 a year.

Smith isn't fazed and says, "The right employer might pay you more than that, once they see how productive (you are)."

He says we'll aim for a job that pays $60,000 "and settle for $55,000."

The fee he's going to charge me is based on that projection. If I pay up front, the cost is $3,756 plus HST. If I can't, it's $4,695 in installments.

The reveal

After revealing we're reporters, Smith is adamant he's done nothing wrong — the company changed names so many times as "brand marketing."

I ask Smith to prove he has good contacts, to put me in touch with any HR department that could confirm their relationship.

"I can't really disclose that without getting their permission first," he says. "We have lots of contacts. How could we be in business and not have contacts?"

Smith blames the complaints and lawsuits on the "one to three per cent" of his 400 to 500 clients a year who are dissatisfied. Some people just won't try, he says.

"We have dozens and dozens of satisfied clients."

I tell him to send some of his satisfied clients my contact information and encourage them to contact me.

A week later, he has not produced one client or company that's willing to vouch for him.

Dale Smith in a video posted online, defending the reputation of his last career-counselling business, Toronto Pathways. YOUTUBE

Think you got scammed?

The government can help:

- The Ontario Ministry of Consumer Services placed Toronto Pathways on its "consumer beware" list
- Service Alberta ordered a Bernard Haldane franchise to stop deceptive practices
- Canada's Competition Bureau has issued fines, including to one service in B.C. for falsely promising to use its network to arrange job interviews

Publishing. U.K. law firm apologizes for revealing J.K. Rowling's pseudonym

Author J.K. Rowling accepted an apology and a charitable donation Wednesday from a law firm that revealed she wrote a crime novel under a pseudonym.

The Harry Potter author was exposed by a newspaper on July 14 as the author of The Cuckoo's Calling, a thriller ostensibly written by former soldier and first-time novelist Robert Galbraith.

The book was published in April to good reviews but modest sales, and there was speculation that Rowling or her publisher had leaked the news to raise the book's profile.

The Cuckoo's Calling THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But the law firm Russells, which has done work for Rowling, acknowledged that one of its partners had let the information slip to his wife's best friend, who tweeted it to a Sunday Times columnist.

Rowling sued the lawyer and the friend. Her attorney told Britain's High Court on Wednesday that Rowling had been left "angry and distressed that her confidences had been betrayed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Social media. Facebook stock passes its IPO price — at last

Facebook's stock has passed its $38 US IPO price for the first time since its rocky public debut last May, crossing a symbolic hurdle that has eluded it for more than a year.

Shares of Facebook Inc. increased 1.2 per cent to $38.08 in morning trading Wednesday. That's the highest the stock has traded since the company's highly anticipated initial public offering ended with a thud. The stock is up by more than 50 per cent since last week.

The world's biggest online social network has been on a roll since reporting stronger-than-expected earnings on July 24. Investors are especially upbeat about its fast-growing mobile advertising revenue. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this May 18, 2012, photo, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, centre, rings the Nasdaq opening bell from Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif. NASDAQ VIA FACEBOOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Google partnership

Starbucks to upgrade Wi-Fi at U.S. stores

Starbucks says it's reached a deal to partner with Google that will allow it to offer customers dramatically faster Wi-Fi service.

Starting in August, new U.S. company-operated stores will begin to receive up to 10 times faster network and Wi-Fi speeds. Over the next 18 months, Starbucks will convert more than 7,000 U.S. stores to the upgraded service.

Starbucks says the improvements will help ensure that its customers can easily access the internet. The retailer plans to work with Google to co-develop the next generation of Starbucks' digital network. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

DOLLAR
97.35¢
(+0.28¢)

TSX
12,486.64 (-95.11)

OIL
$105.03 US (+$1.95)

GOLD
$1,313 US (-$11.80)

Natural gas: $3.44 US (+1¢)
Dow Jones: 15,499.54 (-21.05)

Travellers wait to have their boarding passes checked at the American Airlines terminal at Los Angeles International Airport in this file photo. Turns out, getting passengers onto and off planes is so complicated that airlines must continually evaluate how they do it. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Airlines attempt to perfect the tricky art of boarding

Terminal headache. You may think it's easy to get people onto a plane, but the process is so troublesome it has to be constantly tweaked

Getting people on and off an airplane quickly is so complicated that even an astrophysicist couldn't figure it out.

The astrophysicist, Jason Steffen of the University of Illinois, normally contemplates things such as axion-like particles. But after waiting in one boarding line too many, he turned to the mysteries of airline seating. "I thought there had to be a better way," he says.

So, after a series of calculations, he deduced that the best system would be a combination of filling window seats first, then middle and aisle ones, while also spacing the boarding passengers two rows apart.

There was just one problem — passengers would have to board in precise order. Good luck with that. These are the same passengers who don't turn off their phones even after they're told it's a federal law. "Well," Steffen observes, "I understand why airline people aren't calling me."

But the search for the perfect boarding process goes on.

Most airlines allow first-class and other elite customers to board first. After that, some fill the rear rows first and work toward the front.

Others fill window seats and work in toward the aisle. Some used to employ a hybrid called the reverse-pyramid. Southwest Airlines has random seating: There are no assigned seats — passengers sort things out themselves. They can pay extra to be near the front of the boarding line.

In recent weeks, United and American have rolled out new strategies for faster boarding. American is letting passengers board sooner if they don't put anything in the overhead bins. The idea is to get more people seated quickly before passengers with rolling bags clog the aisle.

United reduced the number of boarding groups from seven to five while adding lanes in gate areas — from two to five at big airports. That's designed to eliminate "gate lice" — the name road warriors use for those anxious passengers with big carry-ons who cause a traffic jam by creeping forward long before their group is called.

American and United tested their new procedures in a handful of airports before rolling them out across the country in time for the peak summer travel season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When did it all go wrong?

2008

Since 2008, most large airlines have imposed fees for checking a bag, which encourages passengers to carry more on board. At the same time, airlines have reduced flights to control costs, making planes more crowded. The result: Space in the overhead bins has never been more valuable.

Time is (a lot of) money

What's the big deal with boarding?

All of this matters more than you might think.

Passengers want to board early to find space in the overhead bins for their rolling carry-on bags. For airlines, every minute that a plane sits at the gate makes it more likely that the flight will be late, hurting the carrier's on-time rating and causing passengers to miss connecting flights.

There's an economic cost to running late too. Researchers from Northern Illinois University say that at one major airline, which they didn't identify, every extra minute at the gate added $30 in costs.

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SALIVATING OVER BIEBS' CAREER

HE SAYS

John Mazerolle
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The 24-hour media cycle sometimes means that deserving musicians go unheralded because entertainment reporters are chasing the latest star from concert to concert or quote to quote.

Sometimes a pop icon's daily mini-scandals keep us from noting the larger trends in music.

Sometimes we forget about the talent, hard work and dedication required to be an up-and-coming entertainer, because we'd prefer to write a Justin Bieber story that is guaranteed to get a lot of views for no other reason than the word "Bieber."

As a completely random example, take this column you're reading right now: Bieber, Bieber, Bieber!

Here's a look at Justin Bieber's career highlights:

1994: Born as pop royalty, Bieber's hotly anticipated birth is met with screaming women clamouring outside his hospital window hoping to be spat upon by the infantile crooner.

1998: Shows affinity for music as early as four when he spends hours mastering electronic keyboard's "drum machine" button.

2007: Discovered on YouTube, where his critical analysis of Zimbabwe's metamorphosis from "Africa's breadbasket to a hyper-inflated basket case" catches the eye of several organizers with TED Talks.

November 2009: Releases first album and becomes a millionaire within days; cries self to sleep because of scathing review in ChartAttack.

March 2010: Quietly releases second album. Excitedly runs to mother when hometown Stratford Beacon Herald places his photo on arts front, which is cut out and given place of pride on kitchen fridge.

April 2010: Changes signature haircut in spontaneous decision approved by 37 agents, publicists, stylists and handlers.

June 2010: Concert for 90,000 people at Wembley not going well until dad suddenly appears to sit in empty seat Bieber had been staring at longingly.

August 2010: Creates 10 fake Twitter accounts in pathetic bid to push himself over 23 million followers.

January 2011: Earns nickname "Biebs" because of his love of BBC.

March 2011: Makes utter fool of himself on 17th birthday by acting like a 17-year-old.

December 2011: Bieber's sweet natural delivery and boyish charm are made more marketable for later albums by pop-music computer Asshat 5000.

April 2012: Bieber sings duet on stage with Taylor Swift, becoming inspiration for three full discs of Swift break-up songs.

October 2012: Causes a stir when he meets Prime Minister Stephen Harper for a photo-op wearing only Selena Gomez.

November 2012: Playing half-time at Grey Cup, totally misreads local crowd and gets booed lustily when he suggests to Torontonians that the CFL is awesome.

June 2013: Disappointed when Twitter moniker Robert_Galbraith, meant to show quality of tweets, not name recognition, attracts only 12 followers.

July 2013: Beset by criticisms for off-stage antics, Biebs reminds critics of his talent at Toronto concert with 27-minute harp solo.

ZOOM

You'll get really high in this hotel room

BRENNAN LINSLEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inflatable hotel costs $50K a night

A hotel room made of aluminum and inflated vinyl is held aloft by a van-mounted scissor lift, on promotional display in a parking lot in downtown Denver.

Architectural artist Alex Schweder created the five-by-seven-foot room atop a van for the Biennial of the Americas in Denver. For $50,000 US, a guest would get one weekend night in the puffy space, plus lots of extras including a diamond pendant and earring set, two iPod Nanos and a dance party for 100 people in a ballroom of the Curtis Hotel.

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Castle in the sky

- It has a chemical toilet, shower, sink, inflatable bed and couch, and curtains. It is being driven to parking lots until Aug. 23.
- There is a weight limit, and no smoking allowed.

Squeezing in the lap of luxury

After Schweder learned developers want to turn several Denver parking lots into hotels, he created "the hotel rehearsal." One early draft involved suspending the room from a crane.

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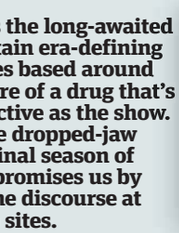
Next Sunday is the long-awaited return of a certain era-defining television series based around the manufacture of a drug that's almost as addictive as the show. Obsess over the dropped-jaw moments the final season of Breaking Bad promises us by joining in on the discourse at these TV-recap sites.



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Vulture

Matt Zoller Seitz is already back on the Walter White train by revisiting the first five seasons, armed with the knowledge of everything each character has been through. It's interesting stuff, and an excellent primer for when he starts probing the corners of the remaining eight episodes as they air. (vulture.com)

Grantland

Bill Simmons' haven of pop culture and sports is blessed with Andy Greenwald, one of the sharpest and funniest TV critics around. While you're still grappling with the latest dark and depressing deed from Walt, Greenwald is already well on his way to astutely ascribing motivation and potential fallout. (grantland.com)

The AV Club

The Onion's sister site is home to many great writers, but the unsung hero of it all is the feisty comment community at the bottom of each article page. (avclub.com)

Comments

RE: Water's Rising. Where's The Ark? Published July 31

It happens that I have been a research scientist in the communications domain for almost thirty years.

First of all, back when I was a young postgraduate, if I came up with a wrong result I could expect to find myself sitting in the director's office. The director would look across his table, as he did with many a researcher, and say: "Son, you got some 'splainin' to do!" Only once you'd explained what went wrong and how you were going to fix it to the satisfaction of the director, did you get to work on a new project.

In the climate-study domain there have been, over the last 20 or 30 years, a lot of wrong predictions: Those climate scientists have definitely "got some 'splainin' to do."

Secondly, to another scientist the latest prediction by Strauss actually has no more meaning than a mythical number. A scientist wants to know a few other details before a number has meaning. These other details include the confidence level of the number.

Chris Kurowski, Ottawa

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BYRON BERTRAM

In 2002 he became a full time stand up comedian. His high energy, truthful and observational style mixed with natural talent for voices, accents, and impressions make him a favorite headliner in his home country of Canada, as well as in The US, UK, and Australia.

NOISY LOCOMOTIVE

Buskers through and through, The Noisy Locomotive has spent the past few months bringing their blend of bluegrass, folk and country to the packed underground metros around the island of Montreal.

PANCHO LIBRE

Francisco started his career in Mexico City at a time when circus was a rather inaccessible art form for Mexicans. Determined to pursue his dreams, he now travels the world performing his show full of jaw droppingly amazing acrobatics.

JOEY ALBERT

Joey is an accomplished circus artist who just recently got back from a tour of Australia. From acrobatics to juggling and even magic, Joey Albert is a jack of all trades. He has spent years perfecting his skills to perform only the best. Whether it's juggling 5 balls or flipping over 5 people, Joey does it all. He's sure to make you laugh and leave you stunned and amazed.

SPRING ACTION

Spring Action's TRAMP-OLYM-PIAN SHOW features the high flying flips of Canadian Trampoline Olympian, Heather Ross McManus, and the crazy comedy and acrobatic antics of Sean McManus.

THE CIRCUS FIREMEN

Angus and Matilda are The Circus Firemen! They turn up the heat with high energy acrobatics, red hot juggling, and searing Australian comedy. In their death defying finale they balance precariously on 2 ladders while juggling fire!

OTTAWA BUSKER FESTIVAL 2013 STREET STARS

OWEN LEAN

In 2006 Owen Lean received the world's first degree in street magic. Since then he has been entertaining audiences all over the world with his unique style of wizardry and comedy.

JONNY NICKELKICKER

Jonny Nickelkicker (aka Jon Lockhart) has been thrilling audiences for the past 20 years with his unique and hilarious variety show. His side splitting antics have captivated audiences worldwide from the Orkney Islands in Scotland to Charlottetown, P.E.I. Jonny's pulls from his background in improv and stand-up comedy to make every show different.

BECKY HOOPS

Becky's show blends amazing hula hooping with audience participation and comedy. This is her first time performing at the Ottawa Busker festival, and she is thrilled to be here.

KATE MIOR

Combining engaging performance with elaborate self-made costumes, Kate Mior produces visually stunning creative-movement based living art and mime.

VINYL BURNS

International show business legend and superstar diabolo genius Mr Vinyl Burns returns with an action packed comedy show driven by 30 years of deluded success, ironic charisma, and obvious charm and good looks.

DANGER BOY

Danger Boy, Stunt-median extraordinaire. That's stunt man and comedian at once – stunt-median. Featured on CTV and other major news outlets, Danger Boy is known for his witty banter and death defying stunts.

THE BUDAPEST MARIONETTES

The show, entitled The Budapest Marionettes, brings about a range of different marionettes in a cycle of short stories accompanied by music and no words.

ALAKAZAM

The Human Knot presents a high-energy show that will have you reeling with laughter and twisting in your seat.

YO YO PEOPLE

Join the adventure ride of the Yo-Yo People! John and Rebecca Higby are a real life husband and wife comedy duo specializing in Yo-Yos, Hula Hoops, and Unicycle.

JUGGLEBUGS

Jordan and Paul are just in their teens, but that doesn't stop them from climbing up on 5ft unicycles, or juggling machetes.

RY GUY MAGIC

Ry Guy, born Rylan Schwarze, is a 19-year-old Magician hailing from the small town of Brockville, Ontario. He has been interested in magic and circus arts since the tender age of 5 when he was invited on stage during a variety show he saw.

SKER FESTIVAL

AUGUST 2 - 5

Friday August 2nd

	NYE	Giant Tiger	CTV	Poutinefest	3 Brewers
11:00		Owen Lean		Yo-Yo People	
11:30					Jonny Nicklekicker
12:00		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre	
12:30					Vinyl Burns
1:00		Alakazam		Byron Bertram	
1:30					Budapest Marionettes
2:00		Owen Lean		Spring Action	
2:30					Aerial Angels
3:00		Yo-Yo People		Circus Firemen	
3:30					Jonny Nicklekicker
4:00		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre	
4:30					Vinyl Burns
5:00		Alakazam		Byron Bertram	
5:30					Budapest Marionettes
6:00		Spring Action			
6:30			Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels
7:00		Yo-Yo People		Kate Mior	
7:30	Owen Lean		Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops
8:00		Spring Action		Vinyl Burns	
8:30	Alakazam		Byron Bertram		Budapest Marionettes
9:00		Pancho Libre		Circus Firemen	
9:30	Aerial Angels		Kate Mior		Yo-Yo People
10:00	GROUP SHOW				

Group show starring ; Alakazam, Byron Bertram,Budapest Marionettes & Spring Action)
* Schedule is Subject to Change

Saturday August 3rd

	NYE	Giant Tiger	CTV	Poutinefest	3 Brewers
11:00		Pancho Libre		Vinyl Burns	
11:30	Alakazam		Byron Bertram		
12:00		Budapest Marionettes		Spring Action	
12:30	Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels		Yo-Yo People
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1:30	Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre		Vinyl Burns
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2:30	Budapest Marionettes		Spring Action		Circus Firemen
3:00		Aerial Angels		Yo-Yo People	
3:30	Owen Lean		Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops
4:00		Pancho Libre		Vinyl Burns	
4:30	Alakazam		Byron Bertram		Budapest Marionettes
5:00		Spring Action		Circus Firemen	
5:30	Aerial Angels		Yo-Yo People		
6:00		Owen Lean		Jonny Nicklekicker	
6:30	Kate Mior		Becky Hoops		
7:00		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam	
7:30	Byron Bertram		Budapest Marionettes		Spring Action
8:00		Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels	
8:30	Kate Mior		Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean
9:00	Pancho Libre	Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops	
9:30			Vinyl Burns		
10:00	GROUP SHOW				

Group show starring Yo-Yo People, Owen Lean, Circus Firemen & Aerial Angels
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Sunday August 4th

	NYE	Giant Tiger	CTV	Poutinefest	3 Brewers
11:00		Budapest Marionettes		Spring Action	
11:30	Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels		Kate Mior
12:00		Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean	
12:30	Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre
1:00		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam	
1:30	Byron Bertram		Budapest Marionettes		Kate Mior
2:00		Spring Action		Aerial Angels	
2:30	Owen Lean		Yo-Yo People		Circus Firemen
3:00		Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops	
3:30	Pancho Libre		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam
4:00		Byron Bertram		Budapest Marionettes	
4:30	Spring Action		Circus Firemen		
5:00		Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean	
5:30	Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre
6:00		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam	
6:30	Byron Bertram				Spring Action
7:00		Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels	
7:30	Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean		Jonny Nicklekicker
8:00		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre	
8:30	Vinyl Burns		Alakazam		Byron Bertram
9:00		Budapest Marionettes		Spring Action	
9:30	Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels		Yo-Yo People
10:00	GROUP SHOW				

Group show starring : Jonny Nicklekicker, Becky Hoops,Pancho Libre,Vinyl Burns,
* Schedule is Subject to Change

Monday August 5th

	NYE	Giant Tiger	CTV	Poutinefest	3 Brewers
		Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops	
11:30	Pancho Libre		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam
12:00		Byron Bertram			
12:30	Spring Action		Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels
1:00		Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean	
1:30	Jonny Nicklekicker		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre
2:00		Vinyl Burns		Alakazam	
2:30	Spring Action				Byron Bertram
3:00		Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels	
3:30	Yo-Yo People		Owen Lean		Jonny Nicklekicker
4:00		Becky Hoops		Pancho Libre	
4:30	Vinyl Burns		Alakazam		Byron Bertram
5:00				Spring Action	
5:30	Circus Firemen		Aerial Angels		Yo-Yo People
6:00					BUSKER FINALE SHOW

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Crocheting goes badass

The O-Town Bombers. Group says they are always looking for more 'hookers'

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The O-Town Bombers meet every Sunday afternoon in Dundonald Park, at the corner of Somerset and Lyon. JEN TRAPLIN/FOR METRO

Ottawa's first yarn bombing group, the O-Town Bombers, a small crew of dedicated crocheters, is hoping to beautify and "cosy up" the city, one colourful, woolen panel at a time.

Founder Justy Dennis started the O-Town Bombers just last year for the inaugural Nuit Blanche.

"I really wanted to be part of Nuit Blanche so I put out a request for crocheters and knitters on Facebook and this is what happened," says Dennis, pointing to the group of half a dozen women knitting colourful, neon panels at a picnic table in Dundonald Park.

"Yarn bombing is a form of public art — I like to call it the woolen graffiti. It basically is graffiti but it doesn't harm or damage any property and it can be taken down with the snip of scissors," Dennis says.

"It's to beautify the neighbourhood; make things more exciting."

In order to yarn bomb an object, the group has to have hundreds of crocheted panels prepared that can be knit together on site.

Inspired by American yarn bomber Magda Sayeg, who covered an entire bus in bright coloured yarn a few years ago, the O-Town Bombers decided to crochet over a Para Transpo bus for their first yarn bomb.

"When I saw that, it was just before Nuit Blanche did their call for artists and that's what inspired me the most to do yarn bombing. We did a Para Transpo bus that was half the size of the one she did. It took us about four months to do all of the squares we needed to cover the bus," Dennis explains.

"When we dismantled the bus, we took all the squares and made them into blankets and we donated half of them to highJinx, which is an alternative social centre in Chinatown. They house the homeless so we gave them blankets for their clients."

The other blankets made from last year's Nuit Blanche panels are available for purchase on Etsy. Dennis says the group sold one to a client in Australia.

For this year's Nuit Blanche, the O-Town Bombers will be covering the trees on George Street in neon squares and anyone interested in joining the group is more than welcome to do so.

"We could always use more hookers," says Dennis, with a laugh.

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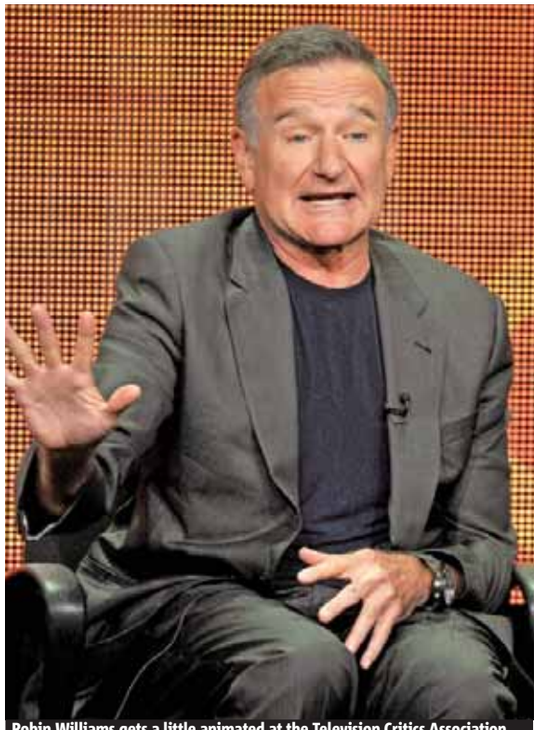
Williams is one of The Crazy Ones

Move over Mork.
Robin Williams is an advertising genius dealing with plenty of personal woes in his latest television role


Robin Williams gets a little animated at the Television Critics Association press tour while promoting his new show The Crazy Ones. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Want to make Robin Williams laugh? Call him a sad clown.

That's what one critic did Monday on CBS's Television Critics Association press tour presentation for The Crazy Ones. The fall comedy stars Williams as the head of an ad agency with Buffy the Vampire Slayer star Sarah Michelle Gellar playing his daughter and business partner. James Wolk (Mad Men) is also part of the ensemble.

Responding to a comment from a critic that there are sweet, poignant moments on the show — setting up the "sad clown" remark — Williams did a whole wacky bit on being a sad clown, jumping out of his seat, causing his lapel mike to become untethered. He wondered what it would be like waking up next to a sad clown: "Oh, my God, what are those big feet doing in my bed?!"

It was the kind of funny business reporters and fans have come to expect from Williams. There are flashes of the same free spirited antics in the pilot, although David E. Kelley — an unlikely showrunner — says Williams can stick to a script, too.

"He says my words perfectly — then he uses his," says Kelley.

The former Ally McBeal and Boston Legal showrunner says writing for an old pro like Williams was intimidating: "I feel like I've been handed the keys to a car that I am ill-equipped to drive."

Kelley says an actual ad executive approached him with the idea for the show several years ago. He says it's basically about "this iconic, crazy advertising genius and his relationship with his daughter."

The pilot episode shows Williams' and Gellar's father-daughter characters trying to pitch a new ad for McDonald's. The fast food giant gets plenty of plugs throughout the half hour, but the producers insist there was no payment for embedding the Mc-references.

"But if you look under your chair there's a Happy Meal," cracked Williams.

The 62-year-old funnyman rose to fame in 1978 after being cast as a comedic alien in the ABC series Mork & Mindy. He praised his co-star from those days, Pam Dawber, for her ability to play straight woman to his insanity.

"Pam held the line for me. She was incredible, which allowed me to be as outrageous as I was."

After the formal press conference, Williams was asked about how TV and comedy has changed since those Mork & Mindy days. That show "started out real playful, then eventually, it just burned out," he said. This new show "can't just be about riffing."

The culture seems to have sped up, too, matching, in some ways, Williams' frenetic style. Even he has trouble spitting out all those rat-tat-tat references before they become stale. Williams told an Anthony Weiner joke during the session, for example, and then wondered aloud whether Weiner jokes were already last week's news.

He came up with a variation of Andy Warhol's old line "In the future everybody will be famous for 15 minutes," changing it to, "in the future, everybody will have their own TV network."

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Art imitates life

Robin Williams says he shares a lot of back story with his character in The Crazy Ones, "like rehab, divorce, and all that stuff." He expects the character of his ex-wife will be introduced in later episodes. "He's had an interesting life, to say the least, you know, just like myself. I went to rehab in wine country just to keep my options open." Asked what made him happy these days, Williams turned serious, citing his family, work and being around creative people. "And riding my bike is one of my happiest moments." He married his third wife, graphic designer Susan Schneider, in 2011 and has three grown children.

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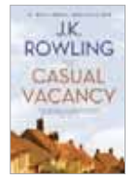

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5.	THE ENGLISH GIRL Daniel Silva	5	3
6.	FIRST SIGHT Danielle Steel	6	3
7.	INFERNO Dan Brown	7	10
★ 8.	CRAZY RICH ASIANS Kevin Kwan	-	-
9.	BEAUTIFUL DAY Elin Hilderbrand	9	6
10.	THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE Neil Gaiman	10	7
11.	THE EYE OF GOD James Rollins	3	6
12.	SILVER STAR Jeannette Walls	12	8
13.	THE KILL ROOM Jeffery Deaver	13	9
14.	REVENGE WEARS PRADA Lauren Weisberger	14	9
15.	THE FIRE WITNESS Lars Kepler	8	8
16.	WILD Cheryl Strayed	16	18
17.	LET'S EXPLORE DIABETES WITH OWLS David Sedaris	17	15
18.	THE SECRET RACE Tyler Hamilton	11	7
19.	I WEAR THE BLACK HAT Chuck Klosterman	19	1
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Canadian actor back to work on rice farm in rural Japan

Falling Skies. Connor Jessup talks about being on the road (including the rice farm) and finding time to be a filmmaker

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Connor Jessup is possibly the most interesting 19-year-old in Hollywood — especially since he's not actually in Hollywood at the moment. Since wrapping production on season three of his alien invasion series, Falling Skies, the Toronto native has been on the road, most recently living on a rice farm in rural Japan, where he's working on more film projects to write, direct and produce.

We caught up with Jessup just before the Falling Skies third season finale on a rare few days in Los Angeles.

Life on the road

"I was in San Diego on the weekend, which was awesome, and I'm here until Thursday, then back to Japan," he says. "That's where I'm living right now. I'm living on a rice farm, a run-down rice farm, actually. This is my first real year without high school, so I decided to just do some travelling. So since February I've been on the road, and since May I've been in Japan.

Finding time to be a filmmaker

"One of the nicest things about being on a TV show that's relatively long-running is that you get six months of the year of hard work and then six months of the year of free time — well, not free time because you're still working and trying to get stuff or on a movie or something — but generally the other six months are less full of work," he says. "There's a couple of shorts that I'm working on and a feature. But I've been doing stuff like that since I was 14 or 15. Right now I'm in Japan writing something that takes place in Japan. It takes place basically right in the place where I'm writing, so all I have to do is look out the window, which is convenient."

Getting an early start

"When I was 15, there were these friends of mine who I admired who were recent grads of film school. They'd done some really great shorts and they were doing an indie, micro-budget feature so I helped produce it," he says. "This is pre-Kickstarter, and they were doing the fundraising. I kicked in, so I was an executive producer and I did every odd job on set. I was a grip, a boom operator, an assistant director. But the movie got into (the Toronto International Film Festival) and a whole bunch of other festivals, so that was kind of my first exposure to behind the scenes life. It's wonderful. It's really the best part of the business."

Season finale

Connor Jessup teases that the third season of Falling Skies, which wraps up Sunday evening, goes out with a bang for the city of Charleston. "It's sort of an image of what life was like before, and we're trying to maintain it, but it's more fragile than we thought," he says. "It kind of literally and metaphorically comes crumbling down. So we're thrown back out onto the road, back into the wild world. Just like in season two where we were dashing about from place to place, going on missions, we were kind of nomadic. Season three, we managed to stay in one place for the most part, but that gets shattered very quickly. It affects my character, Ben, in the same way that it affects everyone else in that it sucks."

Connor Jessup stars in Falling Skies. ANGELO KRITIKOS

Let's take some E! with Joel

The Soup host. Actor takes 'one-at-a-time' approach to his various projects

There's no stopping Joel McHale this summer.

The 41-year-old actor is busy with his E! reality spoof The Soup and preparing for the fifth season of the NBC comedy series Community, which starts shooting Aug. 20.

He's moving outside his comfort zone with a starring role in the upcoming supernatural thriller Beware the Night. He plays a New York City police officer in the film, and at the time of the interview, was shooting on location in the Bronx.

McHale calls the role a dream come true, especially because he gets to work with Eric Bana. He's also the host of the Klondike Celebrity Challenge, a social media effort. Fans decide the fate of three retro stars, including Alfonso Ribeiro of The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air and '80s pop singer Tiffany, by asking what they would do for a Klondike bar. A third star will be announced Aug. 12.

In a recent interview, he talked about his various projects.

How would you describe Beware the Night?

Just to be in it, I was so thrilled, and then knowing I got to work with Eric Bana, who is one of my all-time favourites, was just a dream come true. Then you've got Olivia Munn in there and Edgar Ramirez is amazing. ... This cast is dynamite, except for myself.

What's it about?

It's kind of a horror film at some points but it's about these cops in the Bronx ... and it's a very violent, harsh movie, but with a really good story, and I'm thrilled I got cast in it.

You make fun of the Kardashian family quite a bit on The Soup. Their show also airs on E! Are you ever told to tone it down?

Well, the Kardashians are incredibly savvy and they know if they are being talked about then that's good. And now Kris (Jenner) has a new talk show. They've got every single product. They are a machine and they actually now work very hard at what they're doing — I'm not sure what it is. ... For a while I know that they weren't (happy) and the Kardashians were going, "Can you stop doing that?" But when we make fun of Bruce (Jenner), no one has stopped me from doing that until Bruce comes up and punches me in the face.

Do you like the Kardashians?

They're incredibly nice. I've never witnessed diva behaviour from them, which means they're pretty easy to work with, which is one of the reasons they continue. So many reality stars are, their egos become so awful and then they just ... peter out.

How many shows do you actually watch for The Soup?

Not as many as you'd think because I almost went insane when we first started when I was watching a lot of television and I got to the point where I was watching TV all day and going home and watching TV and I was going, "I'm going to jump through this plate glass window if I have to watch another two hours of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition." ... So, we got a bigger staff and ... they find things that I didn't even know existed, like Felt on Logo, which you should check it out because they take people's sex therapy sessions and have puppets act them out. Yeah. They do.

Are you surprised at the success of Community?

I knew the show was kind of a special kind of different show ... because (creator) Dan Harmon's brain is like nobody else's brain. Getting out of your first season is a nutso process as well. But to be in our fifth season, I can't believe it. And we've always had this lousy time slot. We've always been up against Big Bang Theory, which is a juggernaut. And NFL football and March madness, and survived it. We're syndicated on Hulu which, whenever I look at the list, we're doing pretty well. I think the success is that our viewers are so young that they don't watch the shows at the broadcast time. But they still watch. ... I hope we get to six seasons and a movie.

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Joel McHale has no problem talking about the Kardashians. CONTRIBUTED

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Sex can get boring when you're a master

Pushing boundaries. New series is based on real-life researchers who changed the way we think about sex

Michael Sheen plays Dr. William Masters, left, and Lizzy Caplan is Virginia Johnson in Masters of Sex. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's so much sex depicted on a new cable TV series about researchers Masters and Johnson that filming it became ho-hum for star Michael Sheen.

"I never thought I would get used to having a naked woman in front of me masturbating ... but I actually broke that barrier on the show," Sheen, who plays researcher William Masters, said Tuesday.

He plays opposite Lizzy Caplan as co-researcher and future wife Virginia Johnson in Showtime's Masters of Sex, an explicit depiction of the pair and their groundbreaking mid-20th century scientific investigation of human sexuality.

The series, based on Thomas Maier's 2009 non-fiction book, debuts Sept. 29 on Showtime. Johnson died last week at age 88 in St. Louis. She was divorced from Masters, who died in 2001.

Sheen, whose film credits include The Queen, said the story remains pertinent because the same "problems of intimacy" and making connections with people apply today.

During a Q-and-A session with the Television Critics Association, the difficulty of talking about sex publicly became apparent. One reporter asked the cast and producers how the series can include humour without appearing to titter at sexuality.

"We just had a slightly inappropriate look into your sex life. We all thank you for that," Sheen replied, drolly.

Caplan (TV's True Blood, New Girl) said the researchers' work at Washington University in St. Louis and later at their own institute was especially important for women, allowing them to understand and accept their sexuality as healthy.

"Before Masters and Johnson, no one was telling women that. It was always their own fault," Caplan said. "And that's some (baloney)."

The series embellished some characters but "stuck to the facts very carefully," said producer Michelle Ashford. "Certainly (with) the research, we fudged none of that."

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Multiple sex takes

The cast, asked whether filming sex scenes proved embarrassing, said there was a painstaking effort to protect the actors by making the production "comfortable and safe," Sheen said. Cast member Teddy Sears recalled director John Madden saying, "I want to protect your modesty," then mimicked the British Madden giving a stage direction: "Grab her bum." Doing repeated takes of one clinical sex scene turned out to be "decidedly unsexy after a while," Sears said.

Julia Louis-Dreyfus. Working with James Gandolfini on a romantic comedy was a 'dreamy experience'

Julia Louis-Dreyfus says audiences will "really freak out" over James Gandolfini's performance in his final film.

Gandolfini plays her character's love interest in Nicole Holofcener's Enough Said, set for release in September.

The actress, who is promoting her role in Disney's Planes, says she worked "intimately" with Gandolfini on the shoot just months before he died.

Gandolfini died in June of a heart attack at age 51 while vacationing in Italy. Louis-Dreyfus says it was a "dreamy experience" to act alongside him, adding that his character has no trace of Tony Soprano-style darkness.

The romantic comedy will premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

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Louis-Dreyfus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV news

Dexter spinoff in the works?

Showtime's president is hinting that a Dexter spinoff may be forthcoming. David Nevins said Tuesday that Showtime has signed a two-year deal with Scott Buck, the executive producer of Dexter.

Showtime says Buck will be working with the channel on several new projects in the upcoming years.

At a Television Critics Association meeting, Nevins was asked if there will be a follow-up series to Dexter. In response, the Showtime executive noted the deal with producer Buck and suggested that reporters draw their own conclusion.

Asked later about the possibility, Nevins acknowledged that he dropped a "tease" about a spinoff, but said that for now the focus is on a satisfying end to Dexter.

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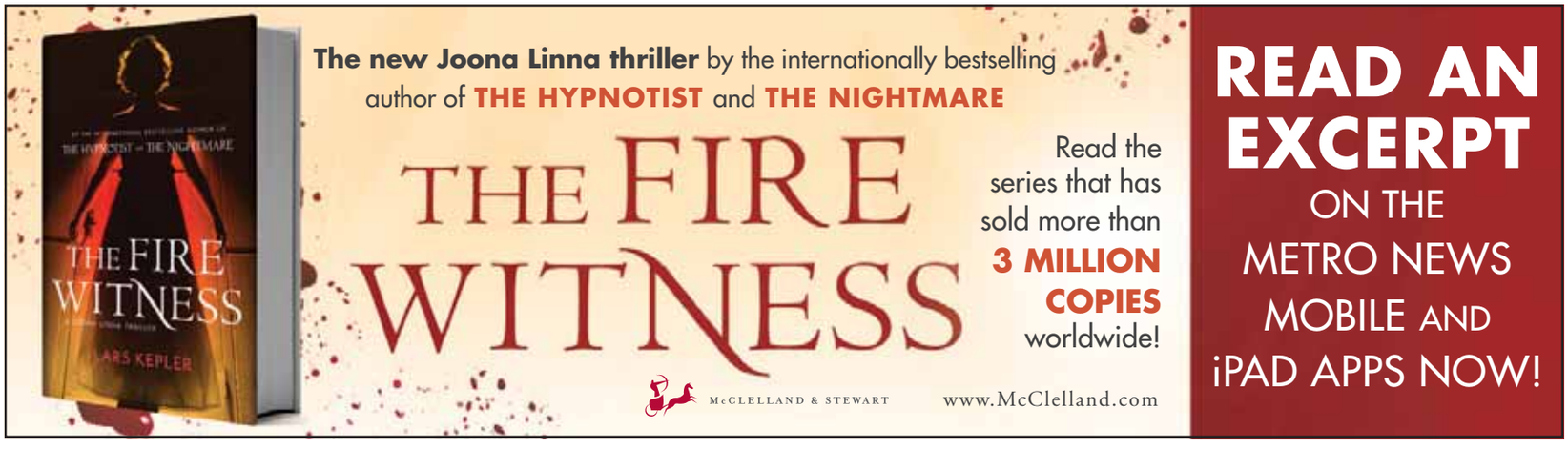
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Awkward future arrival? Cowell has reportedly knocked up friend's wife

Simon Cowell is reportedly going to be a dad — but the mother-to-be already has a husband. New York socialite Lauren Silverman is reportedly expecting a child with Cowell, though she's still married to Cowell's close friend Andrew Silverman, according to Us Weekly. "Lauren and Andrew have been unhappy in their marriage for some time, and their divorce has been in the works for a while," a source says. "As their marriage deteriorated, she and Simon became close." The source adds that Lauren is "around 10 weeks along." Cowell's reps were unavailable for comment.

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The Word

Fergie solidifies her gay icon status with 'gayby' shower

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When I first heard that Fergie and Josh Duhamel threw a "gayby" themed baby shower for their son, due in September, I was a bit perplexed: How did they know their fetus liked boys?

But I was mistaken, as usual. Their "gayby" baby shower, which was attended by the likes of Perez Hilton, Kelly Osbourne, Adam Lambert, Molly Sims, Gabriel Aubry, Julianne Hough, RuPaul and Lance Bass, was named as such to flaunt Fergie's gay-icon status (which makes me wonder what would have happened if Judy Garland were around to have a baby).

Sunday's fete, held at the SLS Hotel in Los Angeles, featured burlesque dancers in drag, a black, white and blue theme, and shirtless bartenders serving Fergie's Ferguson Crest wine. If his baby shower was this much fun, what in the world is he going to do for his 21st?

James Blunt

Blunt's mass music mail a 'mistake', pull the other one!

James Blunt wishes he could unsend an email that accidentally went out to millions of recipients and included his new single, Bonfire Heart. Blunt took to Twitter to voice his embarrassment, writing, "Oops. Just emailed the whole of the U.K. by mistake." His record label also says the message was a "clerical error," but many are skeptical, suggesting it's just a publicity ploy.

Twitter

@iamrashidajones
I wish you could Shazam someone's face

@johncusack
Well personally I can say to my gov that jails the whistleblowers and let's the criminals free "go straight to hell boys" this ain't over

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Tress distress. We get to the very root of the frizz problem to learn how to tame it

COURTNEY FOWLER
Metro World News

We love our hair, but when the humidity hits each summer the same question runs through our mind: Should we just cut it all off?

Here to help walk us off the edge is Dr. Alan J. Bauman, a board-certified hair science consultant and member of the prestigious Pantene Institute.

He told us what we can do to finally have some good hair days this summer.

But first, what causes frizz?

Natural texture

"The texture of hair is essential to establishing its tendency to frizz. Often hair that is curly or wavy will likely become frizzy."

Environment

"Humidity, heat and changes in the air quality cause friction in the hair.

"Hair is made up of long keratin proteins that form two types of compound bonds. One is a hydrogen bond.

"These bonds break and reform every time your hair gets wet and it dries. Because there is so much water in humid air, those bonds are broken and reformed faster, resulting in frizz."

Hair quality

"The bottom line is hair that isn't healthy will be prone to frizz. Hair that has already had some type of disruption or chemical damage, such as with colour or excessive heat, is overwhelmingly more prone to frizz because it's in an unhealthy state."

Dr. Alan J. Bauman on treatments

What are some ways to tame frizzy hair?

The first thing to remember is that frizz is a combination of problems. Sometimes the more hair damage that you have, the frizzier your hair will be — and, of course, those with curlier hair typically end up with more frizz

So some of these things you can't change, but there are things you can do to reduce it. You can straighten your hair, you can flatiron it or use straightening treatments — but in the long-term, those things might damage the cuticle, which could make your hair more prone to frizz.

Conditioning it regularly is the safest and most effective thing that you could do. And be conscious of the types of products that you're using. Shampoos and conditioners with amino silicones and cationic surfactants are ideal for treating frizzy hair."

What are amino silicones and cationic surfactants?

Silicones, especially amino silicones, are the things that fill in the gaps of the cuticle. The silicones decrease the friction, meaning that the hair strands will be able to slide more easily through the comb and you're less likely to tangle it or snag it. Now the cationic surfactants fill in the cuticle, almost like a chemical patch, to restore the natural smoothness and quality in the hair.

So imagine if the cuticles are fish scales that lay on top of one another. As damage occurs, those scales kind of break away or peel up from the hair, resulting in frizz, but the cationic surfactants fill in those gaps and the amino silicones decrease the friction and make it easier to comb or brush.

What about keratin treatments?

"Keratin is a chemical and heat treatment that is used to straighten the hair. It breaks the sulfate bonds in the hair and essentially reforms them so that the hair is straight. It's considered almost like a semi-permanent treatment because, although every salon applies it differently, it's something that would need to be reapplied. So, it reduces frizz and allows the hair to dry a little bit better and gives you kind of wash-and-wear hair. But, it also comes with risks, because as that straightening wears off, you need it to be straightened again — and eventually the heat and chemicals can cause breakage.

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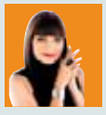

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Veggies take over the grill!

1. Brush each corn on the cob with coconut oil to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Wrap each cob with tin foil, twisting the ends to secure.

2. Brush coconut oil onto each piece of pepper and zucchini. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Preheat grill over medium heat for about 10 minutes. When ready, add corn, peppers, and zucchini (on top rack, if possible), rotating every 5 minutes. Grill peppers and zucchini 10-15 minutes, or until lightly charred and tender. Continue grilling the corn for another 15 minutes.

4. When vegetables are finished cooking, cool corn until safe to handle. Meanwhile, whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl.

5. Use chef's knife to remove corn kernels from cob by slicing downward along the length of the corn. Finely chop peppers and zucchini.

6. Add vegetables into large bowl and toss with dressing. Season with a generous amount of salt and pepper to taste.

Ingredients

For the salad:
- 6 ears of corn, husk removed
- 1-2 tbsp coconut oil
- 1 of each: red, yellow, and orange bell pepper, sliced into 4 large pieces each
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced in half lengthwise
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For the dressing:
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 2 tbsp minced fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp agave nectar, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp fine grain sea salt
- Black pepper, to taste

Tip

If you'd like to boost the protein content of this salad, feel free to add a can of drained and rinsed black beans.

Dessert. Summer Fever Strawberry Lime Granita

"Granita is not only easy to make, but it's the perfect solution for summer fruit on its last legs,"Angela Liddon, food blogger and founder of the vegan friendly website Oh She Glows "Strawberries, raspberries, and cherries would all work well in this recipe. Traditional granita is sweetened with a boatload of white sugar, but this version uses a small amount of agave nectar for an easy-on-the-waistline summer treat at just 85 calories per serving."

1. In food processor, process all ingredients until smooth. Adjust agave or lime juice to taste.

2. Pour mix into a 9-inch square pan and place into freezer for a couple hours, uncovered. After 2 hours, scrape mix with fork to break up the ice chunks that are forming. An hour later, repeat this process. The granita should be ready after 5 hours, but this may vary based on your freezer temperature.

3. When the granita is firm and solid, scrape it with a fork or spoon and serve in a parfait glass. Cover and freeze leftovers in the freezer until ready to enjoy.

RECIPE COURTESY OF ANGELA LIDDON

Ingredients

- 1 lb (450 g) fresh strawberries, hulled
- 1/3 cup agave nectar
- 5-6 tbsp fresh lime juice, to taste
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Chocolate, Cappuccino and Banana Smoothie

I'm a chocoholic and I have discovered that 1% chocolate milk (made with cocoa) is the best treat I can have either for breakfast or a snack. Adding chocolate milk to this smoothie satisfies your chocolate cravings and makes it taste like a chocolate milkshake, but without the calories and fat.

- 1 cup (250 ml) cold chocolate milk (1% or soy milk)
- 1 cup (250 ml) 2 % low-fat coffee flavoured yogurt
- 1 medium-sized ripe banana, sliced
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) honey
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) cocoa powder

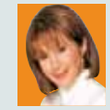
Combine the milk, yogurt, banana, honey and cocoa powder in a blender and purée. Serve immediately.

Strawberry, Banana and Orange Smoothie

If you're in a rush in the morning and need a quick breakfast, try a smoothie. The combination of protein and fruit keeps you satisfied longer. This is also a healthy snack to stave off hunger between meals. Experiment with different fruits, using whatever is in season. For extra protein, substitute low fat plain yogurt for the milk.

- 1 cup low-fat milk or soy milk
- 1 small ripe banana, sliced
- 1 cup frozen or fresh sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 2 tbsp honey
- 5 ice cubes

Place all the ingredients in a blender and purée. Serve immediately.



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With a gathering of fruits, berries, veggies, and spices, you can mix up refreshing summer smoothies and milkshakes. These 23 recipes include built-in timers, healthy tips and sweeter, kid-friendly mixes.

Give your chicken the garlic treatment

Ingredients

- 4 chicken breasts
- 1 pack Maggi So Juicy Garlic
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 12 button mushrooms, sliced
- 1 small head of broccoli, cut into florets
- 1 small onion, sliced thinly
- 1 carrot, sliced thinly
- 450 g package of egg noodles
- 1 tbsp sesame oil (optional)
- 1 lime, juiced
- 2 green onions, finely sliced
- 2 tsp sesame seeds (optional)

This recipes serves four. NEWS CANADA

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F (180 C) or 320 F (160 C) for convection oven and cook the chicken according to the Maggi pack instructions.

2. Put a large pot of water on the stove for the egg noodles and allow it to come to a rolling boil.

3. About 15 minutes before the end of the chicken cooking time, heat the canola oil in a large frying pan or wok and stir fry the mushrooms until golden. Add the broccoli, onion, and carrot, and continue to cook for about 5 minutes, over high heat.

4. Cook the egg noodles according to the pack instructions. Once cooked through, drain and set aside.

5. Remove the chicken from the oven, leave to cool for a minute then cut the bag open and gently tip the contents into a dish. Transfer the chicken breasts to a board and slice diagonally. Pour garlic juices from the dish over the vegetables.

6. Add the cooked noodles to the pan with the vegetables and toss to combine. Season with the sesame oil (if using) and lime juice. Serve the stir fry with the sliced chicken, scattered with green onion and sesame seeds (if using).

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Stone-age decor keeps things cool

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Cool to the eye and cooling to the touch, marble and stone creates a timeless look for the home, whether on the floors, counters or as an accessory in a room. This decor is my new obsession, and not just for shower tiles or countertops.

Topping an antique table with marble instantly gives it new life, and adding marble accessories to a kitchen countertop serves up high-end style.

Sculptural stone vessel

Hand-cast from resin and cement with the character of weathered stone. Use to plant orchids or hold your favourite magazines. $129, restorationhardware.com

Blaine candle holders

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Chateau kitchen island

This piece is reminiscent of France's wine country; it's made of reclaimed pine in a silver grey finish and topped with sleek black granite. $1,299, urbanbarn.com

Carrara marble long board serving platter

Set your cheese and crackers wheeling down the table on a surfboard-shaped, custom-made platter, or display perfume bottles on a long vanity. $620, dididunphy.com

Free range coffee table

Mixed mediums of dark walnut, black metal and marble create an ultra-chic living room table that looks like a one-of-a-kind prototype. $839, urbanmode.com

Adelsten pestle and mortar

Perform old-fashioned culinary duties with modern style in the kitchen. It's the original pepper grinder. $15, ikea.com

Dumortierite Concetto countertop surface

Made from cut/bound semi precious stones for luxurious counter surfaces. Price upon request, caesarstone.ca

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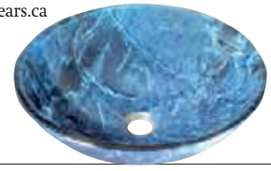
Add a dash of colour to the powder room with blue veined marble. $247, sears.ca



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So I can't play the spoons with it?

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Have you ever wondered when eating at an elegant restaurant, "What am I supposed to do with the strange flat spoon?"

Well the "flat spoon" is called an individual sauce spoon (cuillère à sauce) and is correctly set at the dinner table on the right side of the dinner plate, between the plate and the main course knife.

So when did this strange spoon appear on our dinner tables?

Well the sauce spoon first appeared in the 1950s in Paris, France. The restaurant was called LASSERRE, and chef René Lasserre decided to help guests enjoy the delicious sauces without the need of using bread to "mop up the delicious liquid." So he invented this wonderful spoon.

The invention and custom of using a sauce spoon started with the fish course.

Today in many elegant and formal restaurants, I see this sauce spoon used either for the fish or meat course. So when you have finished eating the fish or meat and your plate is empty with just the sauce remaining, you take the sauce spoon and scoop up the remaining sauce on your plate.

This utensil should be used exactly like you would a soup spoon.

You probably already knew this, but the sauce spoon goes on the right side between the plate and main course knife. ISTOCK IMAGES

Mellow metallics take the home decor stage

Heavy metal fan?
A classic look that can work in both traditional and contemporary spaces

Never been a heavy metal fan? The new look of brass, copper, bronze and nickel in this fall's decor might change your mind.

The finishes are warm, without the kitschy clash of some previous go-rounds.

You'll see these softer, richer-looking metals — joining gold and silver on the decor stage — as accents on accessories, as furniture embellishment and as a brushed finish on textiles.

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Kiki side table

This side table evokes a circus acrobat's performing rings, with polished gold hoops that support a smoky glass top.
BYKOKET.COM

Melrose floor lamp

A floor lamp that lights up elongated mid-century curves with an updated matte brass base and a cream canvas drum shade.
CRATEANDBARREL.CA

HomeGoods vases

Vases with burnished metallics that have subtle texture and shine that's less flashy than polished metal but just as intriguing.
HOMEGOODS.COM

Brass lamp

This lamp has a coppery finish and a contemporary swirl-patterned shade. Warm metallics like nickel, copper and brass add interest and depth to fall decor; a few touches make a big difference.
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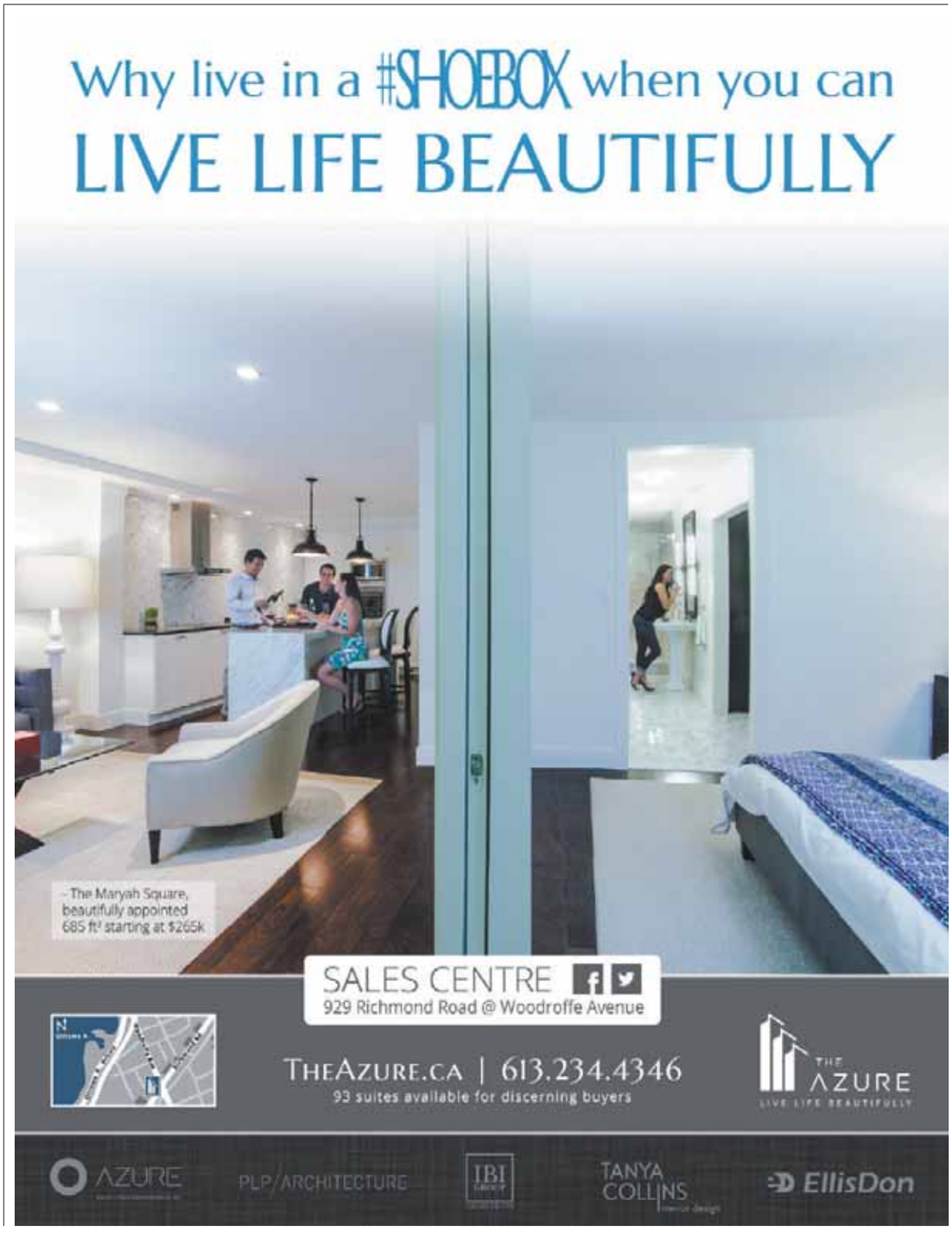
Remi bookcase

Its slender frame is finished in a warm antique brass inset with handsome black powder-coated shelves. CRATEANDBARREL.CA

Obssedia dining table

The table has a unique glass top, available in clear, smoked or bronzed glass, that rests on a plated gold aluminum base. This is a striking way to bring metallics into spaces that can accommodate a strong element. BYKOKET.COM



Cross off these summer bucket list items

YLVA VAN BUUREN
For Metro

One more month of pure summer left — have you done everything you want to? Here is a quick list of quintessential activities that just scream summer.

Rent your dream convertible for a cruise down country roads. ISTOCKPHOTO/THINKSTOCK

Road trip
Rent your dream convertible — think Mini Cooper or Mustang — and cruise back country roads with the top down. Make it a weekend getaway or just a jaunt to an ice cream parlour. Remember to wear sunscreen.

Your Royal Highness
Throw a "jolly good" English soiree al fresco in honour of the royal birth. Decorate the patio with pretty teapots filled with posy-style flowers, hang blue mini-lights along the railing of the deck, and set the table with blue napkins and tea light holders.

Take that
Sign your family up for a game of paintball — it's a perfect activity for energetic types who love adrenalin-charged action. Follow the rules, dress in all the required gear, and have a blast.

Stand-up paddle boarding
This fabulous new sport combines surfing and paddle boarding. The surf-style board propels across the water thanks to a long paddle that you use while standing on the board. It's great exercise and lots of fun (whether you get it right away or fall in a few times). Take a lesson and go.

A sandy om
Whether you are on the Pacific, Lake Erie or simply a tributary, there is something magical about doing a sun salutation or downward facing dog on sand near natural water. Unite your mind, body and spirit, and don't forget your bathing suit for meditation under water after class.

My beautiful balloon
Imagine sitting in a basket listening to the whoosh of a hot air balloon as the land below gets smaller and smaller ... it's a thrilling ride. It's pretty comfortable, too, since riders don't feel the basket rocking or swaying in the air. The hour approaching dawn and dusk are best — and most beautiful — for flying.

Try out a thrilling hot air balloon ride. FUSE/THINKSTOCK

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Events. Celebrate Ottawa this weekend

PETER MCKINNON
For Metro

Summer in the capital region sizzles with festivals and activities for the whole family. Here are some highlights this holiday weekend.

Catch Mosaika every night in August at Parliament Hill. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Buskers
Street performers from around the globe dazzle crowds at the popular Busker Fest at Sparks Street Mall. Quirky magicians, amazing acrobats, fire breathers, clowns and musicians start performing at 11 a.m. and go until early evening. There is no admission charge but do bring a handful of loonies and toonies to show your appreciation. Busker Fest runs Friday to Monday. For more, see sparksstreetmall.com.

Colonel By Day
This lively celebration honours Col. John By, who was responsible for building the Rideau Canal in 1826 and is known as Ottawa's founding father. The heritage-themed events and entertainment include traditional Scottish and Irish dance, costumed characters, blacksmithing, and face painting for kids. It all takes Monday place where it began — at the Rideau Canal's Ottawa locks on the grounds of the Bytown Museum. The event is free from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more, see bytown-museum.ca.

Mosaika
Don't miss this spectacular sound and light show set against the backdrop of Parliament Hill. The 30-minute bilingual show uses beautiful lighting effects and animated projections along with words, music and sounds, to tell the story of Canada. Free. Every night in August beginning at 9:30. For more, see mosaika-sl.ca.

Vintage rail car
Rainy Sunday? Wander through the Canada Science and Technology Museum. Experience part of our history and take the 10-minute ride in vintage rail cars drawn by a steam locomotive. Wednesdays and Sundays. $2 with the price of admission (a family ticket is $30). For more, see sciencetech.technomuses.ca.

Alcatel-Lucent Sunday bike days
Plan a family outing Sunday morning and cycle, in-line skate, run or walk along parts of Sir John A. Macdonald, Colonel By Drive or Rockcliffe Parkway that are shut down to motorized traffic. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more, see canadascapital.gc.ca.

NHL

Former Hab Gomez inks deal with Panthers

The Florida Panthers have signed centre Scott Gomez to a one-year contract.

The Alaska native had 15 points in 39 games for San Jose last season. The Sharks signed Gomez after the Montreal Canadiens bought out his lucrative and controversial contract after the NHL lockout.

Gomez became a lightning rod for criticism in Montreal, where his production drastically declined.

In 2007, he signed a seven-year, $51.5-million US contract as an unrestricted free agent with the New York Rangers.

Two years later, the Canadiens' then-GM Bob Gainey hailed Gomez as the centrepiece of a rebuilding program after acquiring him in a seven-player deal that sent, among others, top defence prospect Ryan McDonagh to New York.

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MLB

Diamondbacks send struggling pitcher to Padres

Right-hander Ian Kennedy will get a chance for a fresh start with the San Diego Padres, thanks to a general manager who's familiar with his work.

The Padres acquired Kennedy just before Wednesday's trade deadline for left-handed reliever Joe Thatcher, a minor leaguer and a draft pick.

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MLB

Tigers' Cabrera sits again, hopes to play on Friday

Detroit Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera was encouraged by his improved condition after missing another game with a strained lower abdomen.

"I feel better," Cabrera said after Detroit beat Washington 11-1 without him on Wednesday. "Hopefully, we can ... try to be 100 per cent Friday."

After a day off Thursday, the AL Central-leading Tigers will start a series at home against the White Sox.

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The Blue Jays' Jose Bautista hits an RBI double off Athletics pitcher Jesse Chavez during the 10th inning Wednesday in Oakland. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Joey B brings his A-game to Oakland

MLB. Blue Jays take series vs. A's in 10th as Cecil earns his first major-league save

On Wednesday

Blue Jays	Athletics
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R.A. Dickey still believes the Toronto Blue Jays can make something of this season, even sitting in last place in the difficult AL East. They won Wednesday despite four errors.

On a day the Blue Jays brass kept the roster intact at the trade deadline, Jose Bautista hit a go-ahead double in the top of the 10th inning as Toronto defeated the Oakland Athletics 5-2 on Wednesday for a series win and their fifth victory in seven games following a seven-game skid.

"For us to only give up two runs on a day we had four errors is a real positive," Dickey said. "I don't think anybody really expected us to make a move in here. We have the team in here, at least the nucleus in here that's going to get it done one way or another."

Bautista lined a double to right against Jesse Chavez (2-3). Rookie catcher Stephen Vogt's second costly passed ball of the game allowed Jose Reyes to advance after a leadoff infield single, and Reyes scored on Bautista's hit.

Casey Janssen (4-0) pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for the win, while Brett Cecil finished for his first major-league save in two opportunities.

Colby Rasmus added a two-run single off Jerry Blevins for insurance in the 10th.

"It wasn't pretty. This is a brutal sun field," manager John Gibbons said. "We got lucky there."

A's starter Bartolo Colon and Dickey each settled for no-decisions, leaving after six innings apiece with the game tied at 2.

A's all-star closer Grant Balfour struck out the side in order in the ninth, but Chavez couldn't hold down the heart of Toronto's batting order.

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PED investigation

"I served my suspension last year, but MLB has never told me that it's OK now."

Jays outfielder Melky Cabrera said Wednesday he hasn't been told by MLB whether he will face a ban for his ties to a Florida clinic accused of distributing performance-enhancing drugs. Cabrera served a 50-game suspension in 2012.

Trade deadline. Jays GM says potential deals fell apart

Toronto GM Alex Anthopoulos
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The underachieving Blue Jays, movers and shakers during the off-season, were quiet on non-waiver trade deadline day Wednesday.

Toronto GM Alex Anthopoulos says while his team needs to improve, there was nothing that made sense.

He cited "some traction" on two possible deals, one of which fell apart last week while the other collapsed Tuesday morning.

"Other than that it was pretty quiet overall," he told a media conference call.

He acknowledged the team was most interested in a starting pitcher and middle infield help.

"Then there were some other ideas thrown at us that were larger concepts but they weren't things we needed to rush to do now," he said.

The deadline has now passed but teams can still make a deal during the season. Anthopoulos said while he didn't expect a lot of action league-wide in August, some talks might turn into trades in the off-season.

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Mulling deals

"There's no question we need to make improvements. We need to get better."
Blue Jays GM Alex Anthopoulos

4 SPORTS

Swimming worlds

Cochrane breaks Canadian drought

Ryan Cochrane had to claw his way to Canada's first podium finish in the pool at the 2013 FINA World Championships.

Ryan Cochrane GETTY IMAGES

The Victoria native took bronze in the men's 800-metre freestyle Wednesday in Barcelona, charging down American Connor Jaeger to finish in seven minutes 43.70 seconds.

China's Sun Yang took the gold in 7:41.36. Cochrane, who came an agonizing fourth in the 400-metre freestyle Sunday, was edged by American Michael McBroom by 0.1 seconds for silver.

"To know I could claw my way back onto the podium is great and we have the 1,500 to look forward to after this," Cochrane said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baumann making a name for himself

Swimming. Rising Canadian talent cut teeth in sport in Ottawa

Aston Baumann swims in the 200 metre breaststroke at the world championships on Thursday in Barcelona. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Ashton Baumann is not letting the pressure of his famous surname get to him.

Baumann, whose father Alex won two gold medals at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, is quickly making his mark in the pool. The 20-year-old is competing for Canada in his first world swimming championships and will hit the water in the 200-metre breaststroke, his lone event, on Thursday.

He will be looking to use the result to prepare for future success.

"Hopefully, I'll keep improving and get on the (2016 Summer Olympic) team and get faster and faster," said Baumann.

Already something of a world wanderer, Baumann is following up his first international appearance in the 2011 Pan Am Games in Guadalajara, Mexico, where he placed seventh in the 200. Early success hasn't inflated his ego.

"As far as I've come in a short space of time, I have a long way to go to get anywhere, really, on the world stage," he said.

Alex Baumann won gold in both the 200 and 400-metre individual medley at the Los Angeles Olympics in record times. His victory in the 400 ended an Olympic swimming gold drought for Canada that stretched 72 years.

The younger Baumann was born in Australia and has lived in Canada and New Zealand, where his family now resides, as Alex moved to different national sport administrator positions. Ashton Baumann has managed to qualify for elite international competitions despite only taking up swimming seriously around the age of 15.

"My dad, being who he is, he didn't really push me into the sport as such," said Baumann. "He just wanted me to do something physically active, so I didn't spend my time on the couch for my whole life.

"So I ended up choosing swimming when I actually moved to Canada in Ottawa." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Yes, surveillance on the one who gave me bunny ears

University of Connecticut Huskies centre Stefanie Dolson, top left, gives the "bunny ears" to U.S. President Barack Obama during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House to honour the 2013 NCAA women's basketball champions on Wednesday. CAROLYN KASTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Detroit Pistons plan to win ... now

The Detroit Pistons officially announced the next step in their win-now plan Wednesday, acquiring point guard Brandon Jennings from the Milwaukee Bucks for guard Brandon Knight and two other players.

The Pistons also gave up two seldom-used players, forward Khris Middleton and centre Viacheslav Kravtsov. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Try not to be a control freak. Let others decide what you are going to do. It may be at odds with the way you usually go about things but it will be strangely liberating too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Drama will unfold over the next 24 hours, either in a personal relationship or at work. The important thing is that you don't react without thinking. Look at the situation rationally and do what must be done.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You are full of good ideas but one idea in particular should be singled out and worked on immediately. Its success — and your fortune — depends on getting the timing right, and the time is now!

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You're in a good mood at the moment but those around you are a bit depressed, most likely because they have serious problems to deal with. What can you do to cheer them up? Just stay out of their way.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be no-nonsense by nature but even a Leo can be fooled and the planets warn you need to be extra careful today. It's OK to dream but keep in touch with reality too.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This may be a chaotic time but you seem to be enjoying the mayhem. Changes in your working environment are unsettling for sure but they are necessary too.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Success is important, but it's wrong to measure your life purely by how much you own or earn. The planets urge you not to get attached to material things for their own sake.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
It seems you are in one of those moods when you are tempted to throw everything out and start again from scratch. The only danger is that with Pluto, your ruler, under pressure, you are likely to regret it later.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem to be in an aggressive mood and today's Mars-Uranus link warns you could easily go too far and spark a feud that gets way out of hand. Relax.

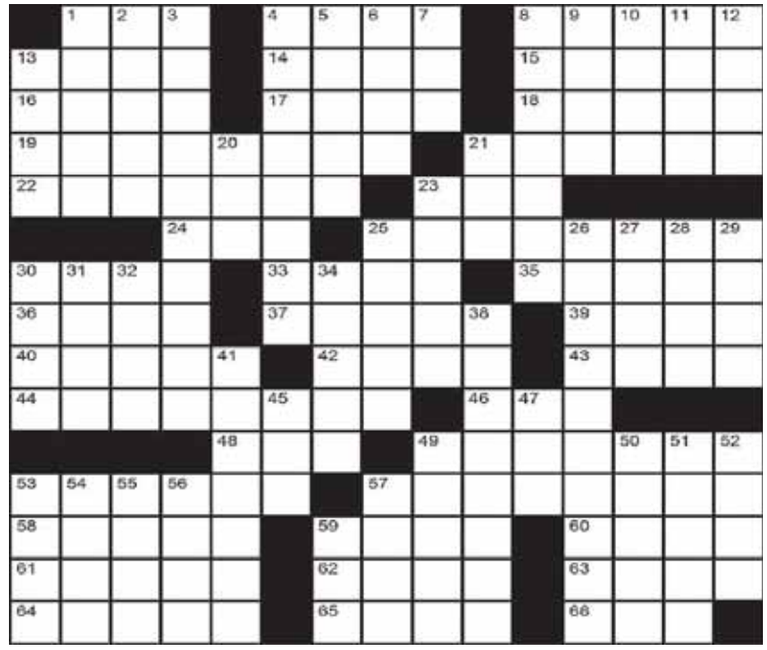
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make an effort to look on the bright side today, because if you allow little things to get on top of you, your mood will head south fast. Remember too that you can't solve everyone's problems.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Look at what you have to do today as a challenge to be enjoyed rather than a chore to be endured. You'll be surprised at how much fun you have.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you want to do today and don't waste time worrying what colleagues and loved ones might think about it. Far from being unpopular, you will find that most people respect you more for being your own boss. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Bird beak
4. Grade
8. Canadian author Ms. Gallant
13. Shoe spot
14. Organic compound
15. Country legend Patsy
16. Ancient concert sites
17. Punk pop's Mr. Pop
18. Aqua-denizen, with Ray
19. Roman Empire's first Emperor
21. Adam Levine's band, __ 5
22. Beats
23. Car or truck, e.g.
24. Not nay
25. Health club class
30. Marsh matter
33. Goose eggs
35. Prefix to 'system' (Diet plan advertised on TV)
36. Years, in old Rome
37. Choreography components
39. Eminem tune
40. __ _ clock, don't wind it up
42. __ or neuter
43. Sunday song
44. Canadian singer/songwriter Ron
46. Needs-to-be-sewn site
48. Owl's sound
49. __ Beach (Resort village in Saskatchewan with a saltwater lake)
53. Jay-Z, then ...JAY Z, now ...what's missing?
57. Bryan Adams' 1984 hit album
58. More shipshape
59. 'Desserts' locale
60. Less than twice
61. Grad parties
62. Word linker-uppers
63. Crying component
64. Call (permanent) time on a relationship: 2 wds.
65. Do modelling
66. Gibraltar, e.g.

Down
1. "Obviously, Sherlock!": 2 wds.
2. Lyrical lament
3. How to do hair and makeup, plus skincare, too: 2 wds.
4. Canadian retailer of women's clothing
5. AC/DC lead guitarist Mr. Young
6. Clothing, informally
7. English cathedral city
8. __ Stadium (Calgary Stampeders' home field)
9. Banned orchard spray
10. Ristorante wine
11. "__ the Groove" by Madonna
12. Mr. Connery
13. Go parasailing
20. He's opposite
21. Sea: French
23. Big name in motor scooters
25. Hebrew alphabet's first letter
26. To-remote-locations fliers: 2 wds.
27. Small, __-bitty
28. Jam-in together
29. __ Fein (Irish republican party)
30. "No thanks." = "I'll __."
31. Duck, in Dusseldorf
32. Strong as __ __
34. "__ __ die for!"
38. City in New York State
41. Nova Scotia town
45. Lithium-__ battery
47. Fountain filler
49. Fixes
50. Principle
51. Felix's roommate
52. Easy to operate, __-friendly
53. Ballyhoo
54. Wool
55. Nudge
56. Prefix to 'sphere'
57. Gambler's destination
59. Road trip item

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	9	6				5	8	
			6		8			
3	7			1			6	2
		7	1		5	4		
4								9
		5	9		2	1		
7	1			5			4	3
			3		6			
	8	3				2	9	

Yesterday's Sudoku

7	4	9	5	6	1	8	2	3
3	8	6	4	7	2	9	5	1
1	5	2	8	9	3	4	6	7
2	6	3	9	1	7	5	4	8
8	1	4	3	2	5	6	7	9
5	9	7	6	8	4	3	1	2
9	3	1	7	4	6	2	8	5
4	2	8	1	5	9	7	3	6
6	7	5	2	3	8	1	9	4

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